

I. **RESET YOUR WAYS!**

- A. **“Ways” defined:** *A person’s habitual method or style; how they usually do things; their typical approach to things.*
- A person’s way of doing things is connected to their way of thinking.
- B. **Everyone develops ways of thinking and ways of doing things.**
- Just because it is your way of doing it doesn’t mean it’s the right way.
- C. **Our way of thinking and doing is connected to the voices of those who are part of our life.**
- It’s a blessing when the voices around you lead you toward right thinking and right actions.
 - When voices around you lead you into the wrong way of thinking and acting, your life may become derailed or off course.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *It is imperative that we develop in doing things the right way. The right way is **God’s way**. Just as other areas of our lives can veer off course when under negative influence, so too can our ways. When our ways are not aligned with His ways, we must reset the way we do things.*

II. **GOD’S WAY OF DOING THINGS**

A. **Scriptures**

1. **Psalm 95:10-11**

NKJV “For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation, And said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.’ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’”

AMPC “Forty years long was I grieved *and* disgusted with that generation, and I said, It is a people that do err in their hearts, and they do not approve, acknowledge, or regard My ways. Wherefore I swore in My wrath that they would not enter My rest [the land of promise].”

- a. God was disgusted with them because they did not know or acknowledge His ways.
- b. Failure to acknowledge “His ways” results in failure to enter.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *God has His own way of doing things. When we fail to embrace His way and choose to create our own, we step outside the blessing He intends for us.*

Practical Examples:

- *Healing: refusing to have hands laid on you.*
- *Financial blessing: refusing to tithe and sow.*
- *Salvation: refusing to make a public confession of faith.*

2. Psalm 103:7

NKJV "He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel."

- God is interested in making His ways known to us! The question is: Are we interested in His ways?

3. Psalm 25-4-5

NKJV Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day."

MSG "Show me how you work, God; School me in your ways. Take me by the hand; Lead me down the path of truth. You are my Savior, aren't you?"

- a. We need to be *interested* in how God works.
- b. God's way of thinking and doing is not determined by this world or the culture around us.

4. Isaiah 55:6-9

NKJV "Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,' says the Lord. 'For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.'"

- a. Notice the Lord's instructions: "If your thoughts and ways are not Mine, forsake your way of thinking and acting!" (paraphrased)
- b. Our only option is to forsake our ways of thinking and doing when we are not aligned with His ways of thinking and doing.
- c. No room for compromise or negotiation here!
- d. When we have developed "WAYS" that are not His, we need a reset in our way of doing!

5. Psalm 32:8

NKJV "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."

NLT "The LORD says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'"

PASTOR'S NOTE: *His ways are best for us! He knows what's best! He is the most successful Guide for our life! He always chooses the best place, people, resources, and paths for our life.*

B. God Provides Greater Guidance for the New Covenant People

1. John 16:13

NKJV "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

- a. As believers, the Holy Spirit at work in our lives will always guide us in the "WAYS" of God!
- b. The assignment of the Holy Spirit is to make "God's way of doing things" known to you.
- c. We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit (i.e. be "led by" the Spirit). He will always lead us into God's ways for our life! Agree with Him, and your life will be blessed!
- d. When our ways begin to veer off course, He will speak to us—lead us—so we can reset our ways and bring us back on the path of God's best blessing for our life!

III. WARNINGS ABOUT DOING THINGS YOUR OWN WAY!

A. Scriptures

1. Proverbs 14:12

KJV “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.”

CEV “You may think you are on the right road and still end up dead.”

MSG “There’s a way of life that looks harmless enough; look again—it leads straight to hell. Sure, those people appear to be having a good time, but all that laughter will end in heartbreak.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Notice, this way that leads to destruction seems right!*

2. **Isaiah 5:20 NKJV** “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” **GNT** “You are doomed! You call evil good and call good evil. You turn darkness into light and light into darkness. You make what is bitter sweet, and what is sweet you make bitter.”

a. As we are progressing further into the “Last Days”, and as we get closer to His coming, deception will be the #1 tool of the enemy.

b. The only way to be protected from this deception is to know God’s ways! His Word reveals His ways!

3. Romans 10:1-3

NKJV “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, **but not according to knowledge**. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”

GNT “I can assure you that they are deeply devoted to God; but their devotion is not based on true knowledge. They have not known the way in which God puts people right with himself, and instead, they have tried to set up their own way; and so they did not submit themselves to God’s way of putting people right.”

AMPC “I bear them witness that they have a [certain] zeal *and* enthusiasm for God, but it is not enlightened *and* according to [correct and vital] knowledge. For being ignorant of the righteousness that God ascribes [which makes one acceptable to Him in word, thought, and deed] and seeking to establish a *righteousness (a means of salvation)* of their own, they did not obey *or* submit themselves to God’s righteousness.”

IV. RESETTING YOUR WAYS

A. Keys:

1. Be willing to repent.
 - Change your mind and change your actions.
2. Renew your mind to the Word of God.
 - As you renew your mind through the Word of God you are *resetting* your mind to His ways.
3. Be a doer of His Word vs. a hearer only!
 - Be willing to do things His way vs. your own way (or the ways of others).