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Looking for Direction

Proverbs 3:5-6

How do we find direction for our lives and for our church?

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.” **Proverbs 3:5-6**

I. SURRENDER CONTROL (Vs. 5) *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”*

Trust. Dependence on the Lord, reliance, surrender. Originally the idea of lying helplessly face down..

“Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you made me trust you on my mother’s breast.” **Psalm 22:9**

Surrender is not weakness; it’s admitting we need help. And our help is the **Strength of the Lord!**

Lean not on your own understanding; look for godly wisdom and counsel. Sources of godly wisdom and counsel include community, proper planning (Matthew 7:24-27), common sense.

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.” **Proverbs 19:20**

Dependence on God: complete reliance and surrender to the Lord
What are the idols of our hearts? Money? Acceptance? Power?
Respect? Comfort? Wit?

Discernment question: Lord, what broken crutch do I too often rely on?

Surrender Control... Daily!

II. DESIRE GOD’S PRESENCE (Vs. 6) *“In all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

Keep God in mind in everything you do.

Look for and see the Lord in every event.
Blackaby, *Experiencing God*

For the Christian, when we look for direction, we find God.

“this is the will of God, your sanctification...” **1 Thessalonians 4:3**

Discernment question: Lord, do I want you more than I want direction from you?

Paths will be straightened: but there is an undetermined gap in time.
How do we deal with this gap?

God is unhurried in working out his plan and direction for my life.

You are never lost, never alone, when you know Jesus!

“Christ in you the hope of glory” **Colossians 1:27**

“we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” **Romans 8:28**

God writes straight with crooked lines. **Portuguese proverb**

Discernment Question: Do I believe God will direct me?

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