

## **KNOWING GOD**

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### **Thou Our Guide - Chapter 20**

#### **God has a plan**

Divine guidance is based on first that God has a plan for us; second, God's ability to communicate that plan with us. Ep. 3:11; 1 Tim. 1:16; Acts 21:14; Proverbs 3:6

2 Tim. 3:16-17 tells us scripture is profitable, reproof, training in righteousness, all of these are based on the point of equipping you for every good work. A life set to God's way is based on His promises.

What is the point of that plan? God seeks His glory in our lives, and He is glorified in us only when we obey His will. Psalms 119 and 23.

#### **How we receive guidance**

All at some point looked to extra biblical "signs" to that particular guidance. Instead we should look to scripture, their basic mistake is to pursue the Holy Spirit without the guidance of scripture.

God-prompting and inclination, is to commit oneself to a set of responsibilities and settle one's mind through peace as one contemplates them. The way God guides us is by basic convictions, attitudes, ideals and value judgment in which we are to live daily. Otherwise, the plan becomes a way to test God.

#### **Common Pitfalls**

1. Unwillingness to think. False piety, commonly declines to "consider" your ways.
2. Unwillingness to think ahead. Christians sometimes don't think about the long term effects of their choices. Scripture tells us the wise consider their ends.
3. Unwillingness to take advice. A wise man listens to counsel or advice Prov. 12:15
4. Unwillingness to suspect oneself. We dislike being realistic, trust our feelings
5. Unwillingness to discount personal magnetism. Some follow blindly, test nothing.
6. Unwillingness to wait. Wait on the Lord, When action is needed, light will come.

This creates an unrealized problem. When we are convinced of God's guidance and problems arise. Trouble should not be treated as a sign you are off track. That guidance could bring trouble, Jesus was called. "A man of sorrows".

#### **What we miss**

Our God is a God who not merely restores, but takes up our mistakes and follies into His plan for us to bring good out of them. The misadventures of Christians, mistakes that will be made, still we shall come home safely. We can have the confidence in God who will not let us ruin our souls.