

Ponder Your Path

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Scripture Study

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. (NKJV)

Proverbs 11:14

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. (NKJV)

Proverbs 4:14

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and walk not in the way of evil men. (ASV)

Proverbs 3:32

For the perverse are an abomination [extremely disgusting and detestable] to the Lord; but His confidential communion and secret counsel are with the [uncompromisingly] righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him). (AMP)

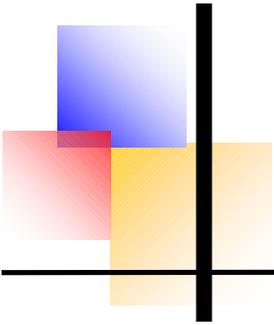
✠ God will take you behind closed doors and will counsel, advise, and guide you with secret confidential information that will be a threat to the devil's national security. This closed door meeting is reserved only for the uncompromisingly righteous. God isn't hiding His Word from you but for you. It is hidden from the perverse. You have to go through Jesus to get into that secret place of confidential communion. Most Christians never walk in God's best because they never go into that secret place with God and allow Him to guide and correct them. Instead they continually compromise righteousness and stand outside the door of the secret place and complain that God isn't keeping His Word. We must realize there is a price to pay if we want God's best. God will not direct or instruct lazy inconsistent Christians, only the hand of the diligent will be made fat.

Psalms 16:11

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (NKJV)

Psalms 27:11

Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. (KJV)



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Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. (NKJV)

Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp, and the whole teaching [of the law] is light, and reproofs of discipline are the way of life, (AMP)

Proverbs 4:26-27

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy **ways # (1870) be established. #(3559)**

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. (KJV)

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. (NKJV)

Proverbs 1:5

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: (KJV)

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. (NKJV)

Proverbs 4:8-13

8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you."

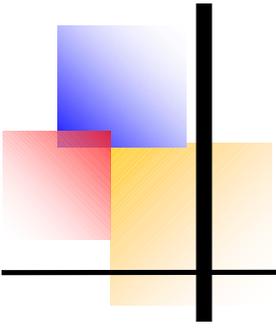
10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

12 When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble.

13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life. (NKJV)

✠ Jesus said my sheep know my voice and a stranger they will not follow. Always remember God's promises are conditional. Jesus will not compete for your time nor your ear. Most likely He will not come to us in a burning bush. For some it would have to be a burning television. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. You must pursue Him first.



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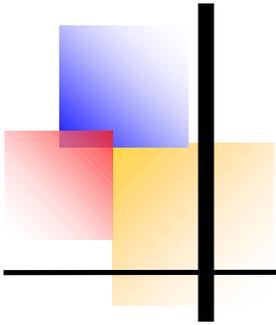
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Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (KJV)

- ✠ When we are seeking direction from the Holy Ghost we are dealing with the world of the spirit. If we are a novice in spiritual matters this can be a difficult matter. At times God uses only a gentle nudge to guide us. Sensitivity and discernment are required in order to be consistently accurate in being led by the Spirit. Feelings and emotions can easily be confused with the leading of the Spirit. You must qualify every prompting, voice, dream and vision with the Word of God. It is most important to have a firm foundation in the Word as you endeavor to be led by the Spirit. Seek out believers that are rooted and grounded in the Word and have experience in being led by the Spirit. They make good counselors. Avoid at all cost receiving counsel from unbelievers or even religious church goers. Lastly, always judge everything anyone says to you by the Word. It is imperative to be rooted in the Word.



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Hebrew Word Studies

Ways - # 1870 a road (as trodden); figuratively, a course of life or mode of action, often adverb.

Established - # 3559 a primitive root; properly, to be erect (i.e. stand perpendicular); hence (causatively) to set up, in a great variety of applications, whether literal (establish, fix, prepare, apply), or figurative (appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous). "To be established, be readied, be prepared, be certain, be admissible." This root used concretely connotes being firmly established, being firmly anchored and being firm. The first meaning is applied to a roof which is "firmly established" on pillars.

English Word Studies

Ponder - To weigh in the mind with thoroughness and care. --intr. To reflect or consider with thoroughness and care.

Path - A trodden track or way. A road, way, or track made for a particular purpose. The route or course along which something travels or moves. A course of action or conduct.

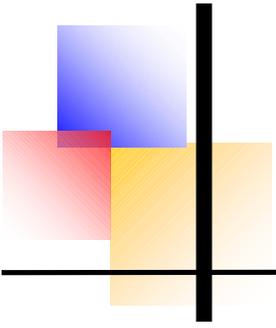
Confidential - Done or communicated in confidence; secret. Entrusted with the confidence of another. Denoting confidence or intimacy. Containing secret information, the unauthorized disclosure of which poses a threat to national security.

Lamp - A device that generates light, heat, or therapeutic radiation. A vessel containing oil or alcohol burned through a wick for illumination. A celestial body that gives off or reflects light. Something that illumines the mind or soul.

Light - The illumination derived from a source of light. The particular quantity or quality of such illumination. The pathway or route of such illumination to a person. Spiritual awareness; illumination. Something that provides information or clarification. A state of awareness or understanding, especially as derived from a particular source.

Counsel - The act of exchanging opinions and ideas; consultation. Advice or guidance, especially as solicited from a knowledgeable person. A plan of action. Private, guarded thoughts or opinions.

Secret - Kept hidden from knowledge or view; concealed. Dependably discreet. Operating in a hidden or confidential manner. Not expressed; inward. Not frequented; secluded. Known or shared only by the initiated. Beyond ordinary understanding; mysterious. Containing information, the unauthorized disclosure of which poses a grave threat to national security. Something kept hidden from others or known only to oneself or to a few. Something that remains beyond understanding or explanation; a mystery. A method or formula on which success is based.



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Study Questions

1. Using the word study definitions expound on Proverbs 4:26-27.
2. Expound on Proverbs 4:14 using Psalms 1:1 to assist you.
3. True or false. The same truth is being taught in Proverbs 6:23 and in Psalms 119:105.
4. There are certain benefits that come to us when we embrace wisdom. Refer to Proverbs 4:8-9 and list them.
5. True or false. According to Proverbs 3:23 God shares His secret counsel with the righteous and the unrighteous.
6. What is Proverbs 4:13 saying to us?
7. Did you read all the word study definitions? Yes or No.
8. What did God reveal to you as you studied?

Extra Blessing

(Study To Show Yourself Approved Unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

Proverbs chapter 8

Psalms 1:1