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WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

GUIDANCE FROM GOD. THE GREATEST GUIDE OF ALL.

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Warm Greetings dearest friends,
God bless you.



As we approach another New Year, it is always worthwhile to do several things; It is good to take stock and accounts of the old year, look back for a short while and thank God for the best things; the lessons, the victories and even the trials of this life.

Contemplate how you can change those lessons into greater things in the new year. Secondly, then forget the things which are behind, as the Apostle Paul said** and look forward for a few hours before it begins into the New year. Pray over the new year,

Commit it to the Lord and ask Him to do great and Mighty things that you don't know. The days just before the new year are vital to winning victories in the New Year we have always found. Get yourself ready for great things, for blessings and for asking the Lord to help you obey.

So, Learn from the past, but be ready for the New!

****Philippians 3:13** I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.



With this in mind, I feel it's good to share these interesting verses about 'Guidance' and

being guided by God', as well as general verses about what the Bible says about Guidance.

Many of us very often pray for Guidance and for the Lord to guide us. If we do that, then we should actually expect and believe that God WILL guide us! Why should we pray so often for things that we do not expect. I pray these verses on the subject of God guiding us, and a few comments along the way, will be a blessing. A very happy and powerful new year to you in the Lord,

Jerry and the WCF Team.

Exodus 15:13

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

This chapter is part of the 'Song of Moses', after And it is worth considering the effects of God's guidance on His people (at that time) on other nations:

14 The (Gentile) peoples have heard of it; they tremble; pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 Now the chiefs of Edom are dismayed; the mighty men of Moab [renowned for strength], trembling takes hold of them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away—little by little.

16 Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of Your arm they are as still as a stone—till Your people pass by and over [into Canaan], O LORD, till the people pass by whom You have purchased.

So, God's guidance wrought great victories for His people, while His Guidance had at the same time a devastating effect on others, and this principle carries on throughout the Bible, (examples of Nehemiah, Esther {that is Mordecai and his enemy Haman}, the arrival of the wise men at Jerusalem to see Herod). You have to ask yourself which side of this guidance do I want to be on? Do I want to have God's Guidance myself, or am I going to oppose the guidance of God through others?

2 Chronicles 32:20-23 praying for Guidance here and the effects of Guidance!

20 For this cause Hezekiah the king and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz prayed and cried to heaven.

21 And the Lord sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and officers in the camp of the king of Assyria. So the Assyrian king returned with shamed face to his own land. And when he came into the house of his god, they who were his own offspring slew him there with the sword.

22 Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria and from the hand of all his enemies, and He guided them on every side.



23 And many brought gifts to Jerusalem to the Lord and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah; so from then on he was magnified in the sight of all nations.

This is one of the most inspiring accounts of God's guidance after His Prophet and the King cried out to Him.

Job 31:18

(For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) **The righteous man**

Job understood the importance of guidance to others. In this chapter he guided the fatherless, the widow the poor and others. Read the whole chapter for greater effect.

Job 38:32

Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth (a Constellation) in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus (the Bear Constellation) with his sons?

*Gosh! This is amazing to many people! God is asking one of his favourite three people** in the Bible (Job) questions about particular stars or Constellations.*

God is guiding them each day or He has put a system in place that takes care of them!

****Ezekiel 14:14**

even if these three men—Noah, Daniel and Job—were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Ezekiel 14:20

as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if Noah, **Daniel** and **Job** were in it, they could save neither son nor daughter. They would save only themselves by their righteousness.

Psalms 25:4-10 (A Psalm of David)

Let me know Your ways, O LORD;
Teach me Your paths.

5
Guide me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
For You [and only You] I wait [expectantly] all the day long.

6
Remember, O LORD, Your [tender] compassion and Your loving-kindnesses,
For they have been from of old.

7
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
According to Your lovingkindness remember me (Guide me),
For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

8
Good and upright is the LORD;
Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

9
He leads (Guides) the humble in justice,
And He teaches the humble His way.

(Be humble in order to be guided by God!)

10
All the paths of the LORD are loving-kindness and goodness and truth and faithfulness
To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Praise the Lord! King David knew so much about prayer, desperation in prayer, and guidance from God in so many situations. Sometimes his guidance came from a vision, or a voice telling him how to conduct a battle. Primarily his guidance seems to have come from the voice of God through his prophet(s)

Psalm 31:3

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. David wanted God to guide him for the glory of God. This is an excellent attitude we should try to cultivate as fast as possible.

Psalm 32:8-9

I will instruct you and teach



you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you [who are willing to learn] with My eye upon you. (I will guide thee with mine eye (KJV)

9
Do not be like the horse or

like the mule which have no understanding,
Whose trappings include bridle and rein to hold them in check,
Otherwise they will not come near to you.

Psalm 48:14

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Ever since I was a young Christian, I have always loved this verse since I first discovered it. Our Christian life is simply a life of greater and greater discovery.

Psalm 55:13

But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

David laments, that even at times, our mentors or guides can turn against us in the human world. There are hundreds of thousands of examples of this in secular and even in Christian History. We can enjoy at times the guidance of other men of God, but really in the final analysis we must

look for the guidance of God, because HE will never desert us, and He has an eternal love for us.

Psalm 73:24

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. *And this is the confirmation of what I just said above! Amen!*

Psalm 78:52

But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and **guided** them in the wilderness like a flock. *God loves to guide His people like a shepherd guides his flock.*

Psalm 78:72

So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and **guided** them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Psalm 112:5

A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will **guide** his affairs with discretion. **Amen!**

Proverbs 2:17

Which forsaketh the **guide** of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. (KJV)

Who leaves the companion (husband) of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God. (AMP version)

(there are some people, and here it is wives, or immoral women, in this translation, who leave their husbands, and don't want 'guidance'. The 'guide of her youth' means her husband! What a blow to feminism.)

Proverbs 6:7-8 (AMP)

Go to the ant, O lazy one; Observe her ways and be wise,

7
Which, having no chief, (Guide)
Overseer or ruler,

8
She prepares her food in the summer
And brings in her provisions [of food for the winter] in the harvest.

How is it that the ants have this knowledge which enables them to know exactly what to do at exactly the right time, and who labour day and night to get that done in a body millions of times smaller than our own?! God has no doubt put that 'Guidance System' inside every ant on the planet! God exhorts us to STUDY THE ANT! And to copy what he does.

Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright shall **guide** them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. *If you are a person with integrity, that integrity shall guide you.*

Proverbs 23:19

Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and **guide** thine heart in the way.

Isaiah 49:10

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he **guide** them.

Isaiah 51:18

There is none to **guide** her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.

No one will guide you and show you God's way, if you have continually rejected God's Counsel. (see whole chapter)

Isaiah 58:11

And the LORD shall **guide** thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat

thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

This is where our hope lies along with other promises, that the Lord will guide us IF we follow his instructions for our lives. Isaiah 58 is a key chapter about obedience and the 'true fast' and God's promise of Guidance afterwards.



Jeremiah 3:4

Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the **guide** of my youth? *Cry out to God as this new year begins! Believe HE will guide you. He brought you into this world and He has a plan for you dear friend!*

Matthew 23:16

Woe unto you, ye blind **guides**, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! **BEWARE OF BLIND GUIDES!**

Matthew 23:24

Ye blind **guides**, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

John 16:13 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. **Probably one of the most blessed verses in the Bible about Guidance!**

Acts 8:31

And he said, How can I, except some man should **guide** me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. *Are we humble enough to say, like the Ethiopian, 'I need help and guidance!'*

Romans 2:19

And art confident that thou thyself art a **guide** of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness.

1 Timothy 5:14

I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, **guide** the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. (KJV)

14 So I want younger widows to get married, have children, manage (**guide**) their households, and not give opponents of the faith any occasion for slander. (AMP)

The real end result as far as I am concerned,, is that we should earnestly beseech the Almighty God for Guidance for the new year. Guidance and Wisdom come **only** from God!

Let us start this New Year with a sincere and desperate prayer for God to guide us. He says I will guide thee with mine eye. **Psalm 32: 8** I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Until Next week which will be the New Year, by God's grace!

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2SA.22:2,4

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