

LEARNING TO BE LED BY GOD.

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Isaiah 42:16-NIV

16 ***I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them***; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

1. LEARN TO ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU, HIS PLANS.

Habakkuk 2:3-TLB

3 ***But these things I plan*** won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!

God told Abraham when to leave home.

Genesis 12:1-NLT - The LORD had said to Abram, "**Leave** your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you.

He told Jacob when to go back home.

Genesis 31:3-NLT - Then the LORD said to Jacob, "**Return** to the land of your father and grandfather and to your relatives there, and I will be with you."

He even told Elijah where to find food in the middle of a famine.

1 Kings 17:3-4-NLT

3 "**Go** to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River.
4 Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food."

2 Peter 1:3-TLB

3 For as you know him better, ***He will give you, through his great power, everything you need for living a truly good life...***

Psalm 25:9 NIV

9 ***He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.***

2. LEARN TO TRUST IN HIS PLANS BECAUSE OUR PLANS ARE IMPERFECT.

Proverbs 19:21-AMP

21 ***Many plans are in a man's mind***, but it is ***the Lord's purpose for him*** that will stand.

Psalm 32:8-9-Passion

I hear the Lord saying, "I will stay close to you, instructing and guiding you along the pathway for your life. I will advise you along the way and lead you forth with my eyes as your guide.

So don't make it difficult; don't be stubborn when I take you where you've not been before. Don't make me tug you and pull you along. Just come with me!"

a. **Ideas go away but God's direction stays.** (*Prov. 19:21-AMP*)

b. **God's direction is usually impossible to follow without Him.** "*Without Me you can do nothing*" (*Jn. 15:5 NKJV*).

c. **Sometimes, God's direction usually begins with discomfort.** "*...Like an eagle stirs up its nest...The Lord...led him*" (*Dt. 32:11-12 NIV*).

3. LEARN TO ALLOW GOD TO WORK HIS WILL, THROUGH HIS MIGHTY POWER, IN YOU.

Philippians 2:13-AMP.

[*Not in your own strength*] for it is God Who is ***all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire]***, both ***to will and to work*** for His

good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

TLB- *For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.*

There are 7 particular occasions when hearing from God makes all the difference.

a. **HEAR FROM GOD: Before you consider the needs of others.**

b. **HEAR FROM GOD: Before you entertain the ideas of others.**

c. **HEAR FROM GOD: Before you listen to the complaints of others.**

d. **HEAR FROM GOD: Before you make any significant changes.**

e. **HEAR FROM GOD: Before you respond to the requests of others.**

f. **HEAR FROM GOD: Before you share your dreams with others.**

g. **HEAR FROM GOD: Before you seek the approval of others.**