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# **Determining Divine Direction**

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### **Books to read:**

Understanding Vision - Dr David Oyedepo

Following God's plan for your life - Kenneth Haggin

Listen to your Heart - Kenneth Haggin Junior

Led by the spirit - Billy Joe Daugherty

You can hear the Voice of God - Steve Samson

In Pursuit of Vision - David Oyedepo

Understanding Divine Direction - David Oyedepo

### **Objectives:**

1. Processing a working knowledge of walking in divine direction thereby compelling action
2. Understanding the wisdom in divine direction
3. Appreciating the lead to live a life continually, Obedient to the leading and prompting of the Holy-spirit
4. To understand a need for a life of consecration
5. walking in complete and continuous dominion

## **Direction**

Direction means course taking by a moving or thing, way that a person or things looks or faces.

Everyday and at all times one is on a course, a right course or the wrong course.

God's course or ones own course. (not all open doors are God's door)

Determining divine direction wherefore can be said to be:

- A. Knowing God's leading
- B. Understanding when and how God directs

Difference between from God and Man

1. The direction from God ensures you do not suffer the corruption in the world Act 2:27-28. when Istreal did not move with the cloud they were slain by wild beasts
2. It gives peace and fulfillment Isa 48:18
3. it is always accurate.
4. you will always have progress

Mans directions results in:

1. Contention and Confusion- 1 samuel 15:22
2. Mistakes -Gen 3:1-5
3. Disappointment, Frustrations Failure -Isa 30:1-21

4. Walking in your own way is walking in rebellion- Isa 30:1. it can be disastrous to move without or contrary to divine direction 1 Kings 13

## LESSON TWO

The relevance of Divine Direction: The move of God in this last day require a depth of the flow of the Holy spirit and the fullness of the manifestation of God's presence in our lives, the results which is the enthronement of the church can only be achieved by walking in full cooperation with the Holy spirit

Following Divine directions is a necessity your life is not your own, glorify God in your body, in your soul and in your spirit which are God's 1Cor 6:20.

### **Why the need for Divine direction:**

1. to succeed in life and ministry 1 sam 30. A race is set before us Heb 12:1. the only way to successfully run the race and live in his abundant provisions is by learning how to receive divine direction according to the word of God.
2. it is evidence of the presence of God in our lives Deut 1:33, Psalm 105:39
3. Divine direction gives light in decision making Nehemiah 9:12b
4. For cheap victory in all battles of life psalm 23:2-5
5. it is our birth right Rom 8:14
6. fosters a closer walk with God thereby bringing about spiritual maturity

7. following divine direction perfects our ways, the way of God is perfect and as we obey His leading our ways become perfect Isa 48:18
8. following divine is God's will for us through divine leading God provide us with protection psalm 23:1-4 psa 105:41 isa 48:21
9. Accomplishment the plan of God and purpose in one's life require walking in divine direction. an understanding of determining divine direction and walking in it helps the believer cooperate with God's leading
10. Walking in divine direction is walking in the strength of God

**Reasons why God desires to lead His people**

1. to make known His will for every covenant child and humanity in general. Amos3:7 num 12:6 Jer 29:11 God has good thoughts towards us.
2. For cooperation with His plans for us in the human race Act 26:19
3. When God directs He provides He provides and protects, His desire is that we prosper John 3:2
4. God seeks our interests Exo 33: 14
5. to keep us from pride - Job 33: 15-17
- 6 to keep us from destruction Job 33: 18

## LESSON THREE

### Divine Guidance In the Sripture

#### 1. Divine direction the old testament

A. Through the pillar of cloud and fire Exo 13 :18-22 Deut 8:3-4 and took not away the pillar from the people.

B. Through the use of instrument called "URIM" and "THUMMIM" Exo 28:30 Num 27:18-24 1Sam 28:6 Lev 8:8 urim mean lights and perfections - symbols for guidance. THUMMIM means truth and completeness - Symbols for integrity of heart. this instruments were contain in a pouch which was placed behind the breast plate, strategically close to the heart of the high-priest

C. By the prophets 1 cro 15:18 2kings 3:11 amos 3:7 -8

Other ways in the old testament:

D. Dreams Gen 28:10-15 Ecc 5:3-7

E. Appearance of Angels judges 6:11 - 12 , Judges 13:2-5

F. Fleece - Judges 6:36-40 not to be used by present day believers

#### 2.Other Leadings in the new testaments

A. The wise men Matt 2:2, 9-19

B. Ananias Acts 9:11-12 the good news is that God still leads today  
Isa 42:16 I will bring the blind by the way they knew not, there are  
decisions covenant children need to make but they can not do so on  
their own because of the lack of complete information or they have  
never threaded such path before example making a choice of spouse  
or career. psalm 32:8.

Major ways by which God leads today

A. through the word: psalm 119:105 thy word is the lamp unto my feet  
and they light unto my path. the word illuminates things we are dealing  
with presently and light directs our future 1 tim 3:16 Heb 1:1 John 6:63  
the logos and the rhema.

as you obey the logos word you build and attitude of acting on the  
word which will enhance your promptness in recognising the rhema for  
action.

Logos- written word.

Rhema - spoken word

B. by the leading of the Holy spirit John 14:26 Rom 8:14 - 16 John  
1:12 the Holy spirit uses our spirit to guide and enlightening us as to



God's will for our lives He dwells in our spirit and therefore  
communicate with us through our spirit

## LESSON FOUR

### The Triune Nature of Man

1. the essence is spiritual but then man is a spirit possesses a soul and lives in body Gen 1: 26-27 1thes 5:23
2. the different between a spirit and soul, the spirit and soul are two separate entities 1 cor 14:14-15 and can be separated by the word of God heb 4:12
3. spirit - the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord prov 20:27 the spirit of man needs to be recreated before it can have fellowship with God 2 cor 5: 17 Ezkl 36:26 worship must be in spirit and truth John 4:24

## LESSON FIVE

### Renewal of the Mind

the soul of man requires to be restored to enjoy the full benefits of divine direction psal 23:3 this is by the renewing of the mind. Rom 12 :2,

God's thoughts and ways are higher than man's thoughts and ways isa 55:8-9

Renewal of the mind is require to think is thoughts and act His ways to flow in His thoughts and ways.

Renewal of the mind results in transformation more and more to His image Rom 8:29 it also helps keep the body under control of the spirit. Gods desire is that every decision in life should be made from your spirit based on His word. you can only respond that way when your mind is renewed by the word.

There are three kinds of Minds

1. Reprobate Mind: this is an unregenerated mind Rom 1:28
2. Carnal Mind or Sense ruled Mind Rom 8:16
3. Word Ruled Mind or Spirit Ruled Mind Rom 8:6-8

Effects of a Sensed Ruled Mind

1. Can not pleased God Rom 8:8 Heb 11:6
2. Sense ruled mind is always under continue condemnation Rom 8:1 John 3:18
3. Faith can not be excised when the senses rule Rom 8:29 1cor 2:12-14
4. A sense ruled mind has uncontrollable thoughts and can not resist the devil James 4:7 the word is the holy effective weapon that can be used to resist the devil Eph 6: 17. there is no resistance when you are ruled by the senses

Effects of a word Ruled mind

1. 1 cor 2:16 a word ruled mind enables us to manifest a mind of Christ which is a sound mind capable of making sound Decisions. a mind that has

the ability to retain facts correctly and work intelligently. 2 Tim 1:7 we have been given the spirit of a sound mind

2. A word ruled mind helps to possess an excellent spirit which enables skillfulness in all manner of learning. Dan 1:19

3. Phil 4:7-8 A word Ruled mind thinks on things that are honest just, pure, lovely and good report.

4. A word ruled mind will be dominated by God's taught Isaiah 55:8 God's thoughts are not our thoughts but by a process of meditation His thoughts can become our thoughts

5. The word ruled mind is subject to the dictate of the spirit Phil 2:5

6. A word ruled mind experiences the peace of God phil 4:6 and Roman 8:6

## LESSON SIX

### Keeping the Body in Subjection

the body houses the spirit and soul and needs to be kept in subjection 1 cor 9:27.

Control of the body is by:

Presenting it as the living sacrifice to God. a sacrifice is a dead animal without a will of its own it has no desires, it is totally surrendered. Christians are to present themselves on an altar of submission without a will or desire there own, save the masters and yet alive in our spirit continually sowing to the spirit Gal 6:8

### **How to keep the body in subjection**

1. Make a decision to be spirit ruled instead of the body ruled. Believe that according to God's word you are able to control your body and break it to the subjection of your spirit phil 4:13 1 cor 9:27

2. Act in faith 2nd cor 5:7 Rom 14: 23

3. Crucify the flesh Gal 5:24

4. Learn to be in control of your tongue James 3:8 prov 18 21

The inward man must control the outward man Gal 5:16 - 18 for a victorious christian life the body should not dictate what it should do rather it should be brought under subjection and for a victorious christian life and sensitivity of the spirit otherwise sensitivity to the Holy Spirit will be dull

### **LESSON SEVEN**

Prerequisite for successful divine leading

this are conditions that must be met before one can walk in divine directions.

1. Be a covenant child of God john 3:3 he who is born of the spirit is spirit. a spiritually dead man can not perceive the things of God 1Cor 2:14

2. Meekness psalm 25: 9 - 24 the meek will He lead in judgement and teach His way. there can not be meekness without the fear of the Lord Matt 5:5

psalm 37:11 Moses the meek man knew the ways of God. meekness is the condition of the heart require to know the ways of God.

3. Faith - 2 cor 5:7 walk by faith not by site Heb 11:6 without faith it is impossible to please God the reward of those who diligently seek God is divine direction.

### **Catalyst for Successful leading**

for successful leading. certain factors enhance successful divine leading in the life of a believer

1. Fellowship with Holy spirit 1 John 2:20 - 27 1 tim 1:6 have a consciousness of the indwelling of the Holy-spirit Jhn 14:16
2. Quietness of Spirit - 1 Kings 19:11-12 1 peter 3:4 avoid a rowdy spirit. a calm spirit encourages hearing from God.
3. Walk in Love 1 cor 13: Rom 13:10, 1john 4:8
4. Liberty of spirit 2 cor 3:17-18
5. Confidence Heb 10:35 prov 3:5-6
6. Gladness of heart Isa 30:29 (Joy is a choice- when you happy when you ought to be sad satan will be sad)
7. Obedience Isa 1:19

8. Quench not the spirit: Consistently disobedient to the holy spirit you are quenching the spirit 1thes 5:19
9. Vigilant in the spirit Hbk 2:1 (your spiritual eyes and ears were open always ready to hear from God)
10. Openness of heart Matt 18 :3-4
11. Sensitivity of heart 1 cor 16:9

### **Hindrances to Divine direction**

1. Fear - 1John 4:18 2tim 1:7 job 3:25
2. Doubt - Heb 3:12 James 1:8
3. Sin - Isa 30:1-2: sin makes your heart to be hardened Prov 13:15
4. Pride - James 4:7 (too know)
5. Lack of Confidence in God
6. Anxiety - Phil 4:6
7. Slothfulness
8. Tradition: (Like you have your own mind set against the direction "this is the way it is done")

### **Characteristics of Divine direction**

1. God's leading will always be in line with His word psalm 119:105
2. God's lead will always be in Peace
3. God's Leading will generate Love
4. God's Direction will not override our will Gen 5:3
5. God's leading will not be contrary against the establish rules of life
6. God's leading is never in haste

### **Major ways God leads today**

1. Through the word of God: psalm 119:105
2. By the leading of the Holy Ghost: