

The Right Direction



Bible Reading: Psalm 119: 129-136

Memory Verse: Your word I have hidden in
my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119: 11

Has anyone ever stopped you in the street to ask directions? Sometimes that happens to me. A visitor to the town asks the way to a certain road or perhaps to the Post Office.

Recently we were in America and needed to ask for directions. We had a hired car and wanted to get to another town. Our map book was good but we still needed to stop to ask if we were on the right road. Not everyone was helpful. One person could not understand what we were saying and looked at us blankly. Another man gave us very careless directions. “Oh, yes,” he said, “that’s just two blocks down the road.” After we had gone two blocks, we weren’t where we were supposed to be. We were still lost.

Another person gave us a very clear and confident list of instructions. We followed them exactly but then we found that we were headed in completely the wrong direction. Some people, however, were patient and kind and gave us good directions. How grateful we were to them. We eventually got to where we wanted to go and stayed with one of our friends who lives there.

When it was time to go we asked her, “What’s the best way back on to the motorway?”

“Just follow me,” she said. “I will go in my car until the junction and show you the way.”

What an easy journey that was! She wins the prize for being the most helpful person. She didn’t just tell us where to go, she showed us! We are all on a journey through life. God has given us his Word, the Bible to direct us on this journey. Just like when you use a map to show you where to go, we should use the Bible to tell us how to behave and what to do.

Sometimes we ask others for help or advice on our journey. How important to ask the right people and not to follow wrong advice. Someone who doesn’t know God or the Bible will be of no help. In his first letter, John tells us to “test the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4: 1). Someone who is careless isn’t any help to you. Even someone who is confident and sincere will lead us astray if their advice is wrong. “There is a way that seems right to a man but its end is the way to death” (Proverbs 14: 12).

The advice given by someone who is familiar with the land we are travelling towards – heaven – who is loving, patient and kind is the one who is worth listening to. The best person to listen to is the Lord Jesus himself. He knows heaven well. He has come from there. “Come, follow me,” he says. “I will lead you there myself.”



REMEMBER TO PRAY

ACTS: A stands for Adoration. (Tell God you love him.)

C stands for Confession. (Tell God you are sorry.)

T stands for Thanks. (We all know what that means.)

S stands for supplication. (Ask God for what you need.)



BIBLE SEARCH

1. Who was given directions to find his brothers at Dothan?
Genesis 37: 17
2. Israel (or Jacob) sent his son Judah ahead to direct his way towards which land? Genesis 46: 28
3. Who gave directions for their return journey to the men spying out the land of Canaan? Joshua 2: 16
4. Whose house did Saul ask directions for, when he was out looking for his father's donkeys? 1 Samuel 9: 18



How to Handle Your Life

5. Peter and John were given directions to find the house for the Passover feast. Who were they to follow? Luke 22: 10

6. Ananias was given directions to find Saul in Tarsus. In what street was the house? Acts 9: 11

7. Cornelius was given directions to find Simon Peter. Whose house was he in and where was that house? Acts 10: 6

