

## Discerning the Paths to Follow

**Proverbs 1:15-My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path.** (KJV)

Focusing on God is necessary if we want to travel the path to God's Kingdom, The heart, mind and soul need to yearn for God to draw closer and to seek God. Self-examination will reveal the portions of the self that will need discarded. Discipline and vigilance are necessary to avoid temptations and perils to the soul. Choosing paths pleasing to God leads to the Heavenly Kingdom and eternal life.

**Proverbs 2:8-He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.** (KJV)

God is always available through prayer to illumine the paths pleasing for life. Hunger in the soul for peace and nourishment motivate the believer to go forth. Seeking God's joy keeps hope alive in the believer's heart, mind and soul. The Lord God is ever-present to assist the believer when difficulties arise in life, God is a reassuring presence and within reach in the difficult moments of life.

**Proverbs 2:9-Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.** (KJV)

Prayer puts the believer in immediate contact with the Lord at all times of life. Hope is essential in the believer's life at all times and places of earthly life. Christ's defeat of death and His Resurrection are the basis of hope's dominance. Dark moments in life are eradicated by the message of Christ's Resurrection. The Crucifixion's darkness was replaced by the brightness of Jesus' Resurrection.

**Proverbs 2:20- That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.** (KJV)

Daily decisions determine whether the believer follows God's pleasing paths. Repentance and renewal in Christ are needed when paths of darkness are taken, Jesus Christ welcomes believers choosing to repent and to begin anew in Christ. Repentance and new beginnings in Christ are possible if the mind is functioning. Joy occurs in heaven when believers turn from darkness and repent of sins. (Lk. 15:7)

**Proverbs 3:6- In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.** (KJV)

God reveals through the Scriptures the paths to follow that are readily available. The Church proclaims Jesus Christ's teachings as the road map to God's Kingdom. Divine services of the Church offer nourishment for the soul's journey to eternity. Faithful believers seek to always remain united with Jesus Christ in life's journey. Christ makes the Heavenly Kingdom and eternal life possible for every believer.

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