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Guide, Guard, and Direct Us

As one sits in the pews Sunday after Sunday listening to the prayers that are uttered there are reoccurring statements of truth expressed. We hear, “Give the speaker of the hour a ready recollection... Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people... thank you for letting us worship without fear of molestation or harm... and guide, guard, and direct us.” Lets spend a few lines discussing how God “guides, guards, and directs us” in this life.

The Psalmist said, “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*” (Ps. 119:105). Solomon wrote, “*Jehovah gives wisdom; Out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding: he lays up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to them that walk in integrity; that he may guard the paths of justice, and preserve the way of his saints*” (Prov. 2:6-8). Jeremiah wrote, “*O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps*” (Jer. 10:23). Again, Solomon wrote, “*In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he will direct thy paths*” (Prov. 3:6).

God’s word is a lamp to **guide** our way in this life unto righteousness and just living. God’s word **guards** our paths from the wicked detours we may be tempted to take. God’s word **directs** us unto the paths of righteousness. God’s divine revelation to man does all of this that we may all be in heaven for eternity. Truly God loves us.

Those who pray to God saying, “Guide, guard, and direct us” have the utmost care and concern for the souls of men.

John C. Robertson

Local News:

Welcome to all our visitors:

We pray that you will be edified by our service and that you will ask questions if things are not as you are accustomed to seeing. Please do come back at your every opportunity!

Gospel Meeting:

Our Gospel Meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 19 through 23rd. Bob Dodson of Hemitt California will once again be with us.

Announcements:

Be sure and pay careful attention to the announcements this morning. Check with the elders and deacons regarding events happening in the lives of our members that you may pray for them.

Continue to pray for our shut-ins:

Stella Davidson
696-1030 (Home)
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692-0489 (Home).

New Bible Classes begin Today!

The third quarter Bible classes begin today! Be sure and pick up your new study books if you have not already received them. Thanks to all those who are teaching these classes. Your hard work and dedication to the spiritual growth and edification of brethren does not go unnoticed!

How to Raise a Crook

- **Begin from infancy to give the child everything he wants.**
- **When he picks up bad words, laugh at him.**
- **Never give him any spiritual training.**
- **Avoid the use of the word “wrong.” It may develop a guilt complex.**
- **Pick up everything he leaves lying around. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in shifting responsibility.**
- **Let him read and view any material he desires.**
- **Quarrel frequently in his presence.**
- **Give him all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?**
- **Take his side against the neighbors, teachers, Bible class teachers, elders of the church, preacher, and policeman. Your little darling couldn’t possibly be that bad.**
- **Prepare for a life of grief – you will have it.**

“There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death”

Proverbs 16:25

“Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding:”

Proverbs 3:5

Editor's Note:

I have ran this article in the past but thought you may want to read it again (Great stuff! Jer).

Tale of Two Sisters

With heart so kind and gentle, and sympathetic eye;

With touching deep affection and loyal tender eye,

Was **LOVE** betrothed to **DOCTRINE**, to hold him all her days:

And walk the paths of gladness, united in his ways.

Her younger sister also had qualities as fair,

Of caring selfless kindness and warmth without compare;

Thus **UNITY** was drawn to the husband of her youth:

And pledged herself forever to be the bride of **TRUTH**.

But time, with bitter envy, across the testing years,

Pursued the slow erosion of happiness to tears;

Till **LOVE** began to weary of **DOCTRINE**'s pleasant voice,

And **UNITY** grew cold to the partner of her choice.

Then **LOVE** began to notice the charms of **HERESY**,

And awed by his opinions, she yearned to be free;

And **UNITY** perceived, that her virtues were admired by many,

Many others whose ways she so desired.

At length, two precious unions, so promising, so blest,

Were darkened by delusion, disloyally and unrest;

Till came the day of sorrows, and departing vows of youth,

When **LOVE** divorced her **DOCTRINE** and **UNITY** her **TRUTH**.

(Unknown Author)