

# Steer Your Vision!

## Part 4: *STEERING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION*

Make no mistake about it, you and I are most definitely on a journey, and it is ALLLL about the spiritual—it's about how far we are willing to go to reach spiritual heights in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The vehicle that transports the Christian from point A to point B is faith, and we can't go anywhere or do anything without it. And let's face it, a great deal of energy is spent...and if we'll be completely honest....wasted...on trying to get our vehicle facing in the right direction. We all want something special, and often find ourselves maneuvering and manipulating to get it, but we must be resolved not to forget this one thing, there's a science to success. There's a science to obtaining anything we want, because that is the way God set things up. We can push and lock heads against our circumstances all day long; it doesn't matter. Whether it's a desire for marital restoration, employment, prosperity and abundance, a Godly mate, or good health, you WILL not, CAN not see movement until you alter your course and get on board with faith. Then, you must steer your vision...your intention...your vehicle of faith in a direction that yields the results you seek.

### THE STARTING POINT

#### **Hebrews 11:6 NKJV**

*6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Make no mistake about it, for any person who is endeavoring to achieve, Hebrews 11:6 is the starting point of right believing. If you have aspirations to expand and increase, then you must believe that God is, but that isn't enough. You must also believe that He will reward your efforts to diligently seek Him out. So, from this we know that diligence plays a major role. It's one of those qualities we must have before our engines are revved to "go!" A great analogy of a diligent mindset is one of a marathon sprinter carrying a baton. Running with this instrument in his or her hand is a key part of the race, and disqualification is eminent if it is dropped. With every step, that sprinter must be conscious of what he or she is holding, and then, at the appointed time, he or she can pass the baton with perfect execution.

Again, diligence is key. It's holding to a thing so strongly in your mind and heart, that everything else is peripheral. You can't pick it up in the middle of the race. A diligent mindset is something you have when you start, which means that you've got a winner's mindset before you even think about running the race. As Christians, that translates to a mind that is irrevocably fixed on the great truth of God's omniscience.

God is everywhere present and He knows all things. It is only when we wholly believe this that we will also fully believe that He knows everything that can be known about

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each and every one of us. 1 Corinthians 13:12 declares that He knows us! God is intimately familiar with your circumstance, down to the very minutest detail. He would not be interested in knowing us so completely if our thoughts and deeds were not important to Him, but in fact they are. Ephesians 1:11 tells us that they are so important in fact, that He has intricately woven what we do, think, and say into the fabric of His plan.

You really have to sit down and think about that one, because one must reason that if indeed our thoughts and deeds matter to Him, if He knows us completely and utterly, then we need not convince God of anything. There is nothing that we can tell Him about ourselves that He doesn't already know. He knows where you're headed. He knows what you are going to ask before you part your lips. So if He knows what we are going to say before we say it, why do we need to communicate with God at all? Ah Hah! That's the critical question!

There are two astoundingly critical reasons why we must communicate with God and do so often. The first has to do with discerning what we think and say. 2Chronicle 16:9 says that the eyes of God consistently roam the entire earth looking for those that He can bless and on whose behalf He can show His great strength. He does this for those who are earnestly interested in pleasing Him. When our thoughts, words, and deeds do not honor who He is and what He does, then He cannot show Himself strong on our behalf; we haven't extended the welcome mat for Him to do so. But when our thoughts and intents measure up to the standard of His Word, our faith is backed up with right action and we will witness corresponding results. That's the science, and it works with sheer perfection!

When our thoughts are contrary to who God is and what He says, we are in the enemy's territory and legally God can't go there; for He is light and He has called us out of the darkness to walk in that light. If we turn back to our *old man* nature and look upon our dark ways to pick them up again, we will have denied the light. We will have denied the spirit and given the devil legal rights to wreak havoc in our lives. God is 100% faithful and just. He never violates His Word for any reason. The laws that govern the universe are etched in stone and even the devil must abide by them. So you only hurt yourself when you do not hold your thoughts up to the scrutiny of God's Word. He wants to help you. He wants to show Himself strong on your behalf and that's why He is so interested in what you think, because He knows that when your thoughts are on point—He can show up and show out.

Yes, God knows what we'll do, think, and say before we do, think, and say it. That truth does not negate the importance of our communion and fellowship with Him. The time we spend with our Heavenly Father is not to be used to try to convince Him of anything. God is not the one who needs to be convinced; we are! Not only must we be convinced of our own ability to measure up to the fullness of Christ, but we must also be convinced that God is indeed a "rewarder". We must understand, as deeply as it can be understood, that God is Good...that He is the giver of good and perfect gifts.

Some Christians believe that after you've moved your right foot, you can never know where your left foot will end up. They believe that God's plan is nebulous and one can

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never really be sure of anything. Psalms 18:33 says *"He makes me as surefooted as a deer, leading me safely along the mountain heights."* When a mother deer tracks a mountainous incline, her back legs and feet track spot on with the steps of her front feet. One false move could mean not only a certain death for her, but perhaps for her little ones following behind. That mother deer is precise, and if God would so masterfully design this animal to be that way, why wouldn't He even more so do it for us.

God wants us to have confidence in how we move, where we move, and what we move with. Psalms 139:14 tells us that we are wonderfully and fearfully made. God spared no detail in our make-up. He didn't overlook one thing, and yet we behave as if He has somehow missed a beat. We think that our missteps and mishaps are in one way or another reflective of His affinity (or lack thereof) for us, when nothing can be further from the truth. It is because He loves us that He has given us the freedom to choose. He doesn't stifle our progress, confine our mobility, or confuse our motives. He rewards! With great delight He looks upon our every move towards greatness. Our success and happiness affirms the goodness of His gifts. When we employ what He has given us to the end that we achieve, acquire, and succeed, we will have proven that all gifts from God are good. This brings Him glory.

All things that are glorious deserve glory, and our Heavenly Father is certainly deserving of glory. And if we believe that He is glorious, then we also must believe that we are glorious too, because He made us. He fashioned us to give Him glory, and therefore we must be capable of performing that of which we were purposed.

We can't step up to the plate halfheartedly and expect to see the results we desire. God has expectations about how we should approach our faith and believing. We see phrases in the Word like *"fully persuaded"*, *"unwavering"*, and *"rooted and grounded"*. His mission is to convey beyond any speculation and uncertainty that He is good, and that everything He has given us has made us completely, completely, complete.

The Word tells us in 1John 1:5 KJV that *"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."* There is NO darkness in God. Well, what is darkness? Darkness is ignorance, confusion, bondage, and death. Darkness is anything that doesn't represent the light of Christ. It is impossible for someone to believe that God causes darkness to encapsulate their existence and then believe He is light at the same time. Your stance upon His goodness must be absolute in order for you to believe that you have any chance at winning the race that He has set before you. That is your starting point.

Next Week: **Part 4: *STEERING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION* continued**

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