

“The Greatest Lesson That I Have Ever Learned”

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Passage: Proverbs 3:5-6

Exod 2:12 “...and when he saw there was no one around, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”

Judges 16:21 “Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison.”

The sobering reality of it all is that some of the most important decisions in life have to be made while we are still very y_____ and i_____.

I. ...Involves Having C_____ T_____ in the Lord

Gen 3:5 “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil”

Eve stopped trusting in the e_____ g_____ of God; Eve started doubting God; and as a result of this, she made a very bad decision.

Ps 105:18-19 “18 They afflicted his feet with fetters, He himself was laid in irons; 19 Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him”

Joseph never stopped trusting God’s w_____ or the essential goodness of His nature.

Jer 29:11 “‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope’”

John 10:10 “(Jesus Said) ...I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly”

II. ...Involves Having D_____ I_____ From the Lord

Our God is o_____, and He knows far more about every situation that we face in life than we do.

Isa 55:8-9 “8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ declares the LORD. 9 ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts”

Gen 13:10-11 “10 Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere --...11 So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward...”

Lot’s decision to move to Sodom was based on economic factors alone; he did not consult the Lord about this decision, and the results were d_____.

Josh 9:14 “So the men of Israel took some of their provisions, and did not ask for the counsel of the LORD”

Ps 32:8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you”

James 1:5 “...if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

III. ...Involves Having a S_____ W_____ to the Lord

I believe that Solomon is simply telling us that God will r_____ His will to those who are submissive to His will.

John 7:17 "If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself"

Most of God's will has already been revealed to us in the s_____.

2 Pet 3:9 "The Lord is... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (NKJV)
1 Thes 4:3 "For this is the will of God, your sanctification;..."

The Bible says, for example, that it is n_____ God's will for a believer to marry a non-believer.

2 Cor 6:14 "Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?"

This phrase "...He will make your paths straight" literally describes God p_____ the way for us to accomplish His will.

Isa 40:3-4 "3 A voice is calling, 'Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. 4 'Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley"

Rev 3:7 "(I am the One)...who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one will open..."

Rev 3:8 "I know your deeds. (and so) Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, ..."
Acts 16:6, 9 (Reference)

Matt 26:39 "...My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

God's will is not always easy or pleasant, but He promises to guide those who e_____ s_____ Him.

Prov 14:12 "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"

Rom 3:20 "...by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; ..."

Eph 2:8-9 "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast"