

I Need To Change
“Walking the Path”
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Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. *Proverbs chapter 3, verses 5-6 (482)*

King Solomon:

- One of the wealthiest men to ever walk the earth
- He had a powerful army and all kinds’ resources at his disposal.
- He was super-intelligent and full of wisdom.
- People would come from all over the world to seek his advice.

But he realized this wasn’t enough....

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart”

- We all trust in something.
- “heart” - *emotions – that can be dangerous and misleading*
- I can’t trust my heart but I can trust God with my heart.
- It’s all about SURRENDER!!
- Self-reliance leads to self-destruction.

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?
Jeremiah chapter 17, verse 9 (587)

1. Uncover what needs to be surrendered.
2. Take your hands off the controls.
3. Invite God daily to be in control of your life.

“do not depend on your own understanding.”

Change is a collection of choices.

Choices about

God
Family
Work
Money
Sex
Relationships... and much more

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans chapter 12, verse 2 (866)

I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I **meditate** on your decrees.

Psalms chapter 119, verse 48 (NIV)

med·i·tate: to focus one's thoughts on: reflect on or ponder over

“Seek his will in all you do,” (*“in all your ways acknowledge him”*)

- Invite God into the detail of your day.
- “acknowledge”- not just a “wink” but a deep submission
- It’s the process of lining up my ways under God’s priorities.
- “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path”

Psalm chapter 119, verse 105 (470)

- The promise.... **“and he will show you which path to take.”**
- The result... peace that passes all understanding and freedom to do to what God wants.

The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand. *Psalm chapter 37, verses 23-24 (430)*

Want More?

Read Matthew 10:32-39

- What is Jesus asking his followers to do?
- What is he asking them to surrender?
- What makes this so difficult?
- How is a person’s life changed if they follow his direction?
- What is the ultimate blessing?
- What are you current doing with Jesus words in this passage?
- What one thing are you willing to do this week to follow Jesus more closely?

Next Week- “Life Lessons Out of Africa”