

How God Guides Us

Acts 16:6-10

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I. Keep your general purpose congruent with God's purpose. (16:6)

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II. Stay in the Spirit's flow. (16:6,7)

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III. Obey God (16:8)

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IV. Expect God's Guidance (16:9)

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V. Keep Unified (16:10)

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Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia

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Acts 9:15

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.

Acts 22:21

²¹ “Then the Lord said to me, ‘Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’ ”

Acts 26:17,18

¹⁷ I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them
¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

Romans 1:16

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

John 3:16,17

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

I Corinthians 15:1,3 & 4

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

I Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Psalm 37:23

²³ The Lord makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;

Ephesians 5:18

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to
debauchery. Instead, be filled with the
Spirit,

Ephesians 5:19,20

¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:1,2

² As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

I Thessalonians 1:2,3

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 16:11

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis.