Letting God be God - Part 2

If you are "born again" you have already handed your entire life over to God the Father, therefore, He is now in complete and total charge of your life! If you've made this full surrender to God, it's now God's responsibility to take full and complete care of you – in every detail! There is not an area in your life that God is not be willing to help you in – no matter how small or trivial you think it may be. The Holy Spirit is called "the Helper" hence; it is His assignment to assist you in every area of your life.

God has a set, **divine plan** for your life – and He will be the One to guide you every step of the way into the fulfilment of that plan! What specific tasks you will be taking on are very important in your own spiritual growth and development. The God-led activities you become involved in will be building blocks that lead you into whatever His specific plan and purpose is for your life. This should take the burden off of you. You will obviously still have to chase after the desires of your heart – but God will now be guiding your steps – making sure that you always achieve what He wants you to achieve. And not only does God have a set plan and a set future for your life – but He also has a set <u>timetable</u> in which all of these plans will manifest. You simply have to learn to be patient during these waiting periods.

Trust me, I have spent time in the waiting room, yet God has never failed to keep me afloat and open the door to the next opportunity when the time was right.

I will give you some of the best verses from God's Word, confirming that it's His responsibility to fully guide you every step of the way (as you now embark on life's journey with Him). Study these verses very carefully! This is where many Christians really miss the boat with God. Too many of you are running your own lives and making your own choices – instead of turning the reigns of over to God and **letting God be God**.

Remember, only God knows what your true potential is – and He is the only One who can arrange to have your full potential maximised and realised!

- 1. This verse tells you specifically that God has a definite PLAN and FUTURE for your life. I have already quoted this verse to you during the series on Divine Destiny, but it is worth repeating. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) Notice the words "to give you." God is going to give you, to bring to you His specific plans and future those great things He has in store for your life.
- 2. Memorise this next verse, as it is extremely powerful. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord ..." (Psalm 37:23). Another way to look at this is that a step is "one day" in your life. What this means is that God now has each day of your life perfectly planned out for you. You are now on the yellow brick road with the yellow colour being the light of God Himself. Your duty is to live each day to its fullest, and do the best and be the best at whatever God is calling you to do for Him on that particular day. If you can keep this kind of mindset, you will be less likely to nose-dive when things do not go the way you think they should.
- 3. Study this verse very carefully... "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9). What this verse means is that at times you will have to plan things out, try to figure things out, start testing things. But as you are doing all of this, God will then lead and direct your steps. You will eventually end up at the place where God wants you to be.
- 4. Here is another very powerful verse that tells us God will provide His protection if we are willing to listen to Him and follow His ways. "But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil." (Proverbs 1:33) Notice the words "listen to me." God leads you follow. If you do, God will then give you a safe and secure dwelling and protection from evil. This is a very powerful promise for all believers. Too many believers find themselves in one dire circumstance after another as a result of not listening to God and doing what He wants them to be doing with their lives.
- 5. The next 5 verses declare that God will be fully guiding your steps provided you acknowledge Him in everything you do.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5)

Thus says the Lord, Your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go." (Isaiah 48:17)

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way should go; I will guide you with My eye." (Psalm 32:8)

"For this is God, our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death." (Psalm 48:14)

"The Lord will guide you continually ..." (Isaiah 58:11)

Notice the specific words that God will "guide you continually, be our guide even to death, guide you with His eye, leads you by the way you should go, teaches you to profit, instructs you and directs your paths." All of these verses make it very clear that it is God's desire to fully guide and direct your steps. And all of this is given to you free of charge. This is why you can 'let go and let God'! This is why the Bible tells us that we can now cast all of our burdens and cares upon the Lord – because it is His desire to take full and complete care of all of us (from the moment we fully surrender everything to Him).

- 6. This next verse goes one step further and specifically tells us that it is not our responsibility to direct our own steps in this life that this responsibility now belongs to God and God alone! "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." (Jeremiah 10:23) Put this verse together with all of the others listed above and it becomes quite clear that it's God's responsibility to direct our steps in this life not ours!
- 7. This next verse tells you to trust in God, to wait patiently for Him and that He will bring it to pass! "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass... Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him." (Psalm 37:4,7)

CONCLUSION

I know it can get rather stressful and trying while waiting for God to bring things to pass – but this is where you really have to encourage <u>yourself</u>. Especially when you start to feel down - just like a professional athlete does when he starts to go into a slump. The professional athlete can either quit or talk himself back into the game! Even when God is working of our behalf, we may have to give ourselves pep talks from time to time, telling ourselves that God has **complete control** of our entire situation, that the ship is not going to sink, and that your breakthrough <u>will</u> come. Until that happens, do what the last part of that last verse says to do – "**Rest in the Lord.**" Otherwise you will drive yourself crazy with all of the nervous energy that starts to eat at you and rob you of your peace and joy. When it is all said and done, you will probably look back and see that you had wasted a tremendous amount of energy beating yourself up and getting all stressed for nothing - since God always comes through for you!

Trust me – I have seen God come through time and time again without fail. There is a saying that many have heard – "God is never late, but He is never early either." This means that God will come in with that breakthrough on His time schedule – not yours!

I hope all of the above will help give you some peace of mind. The Bible is truly the infallible Word of our Holy God, and you can totally and completely depend on what all of the above verses are telling you. But you cannot have your hand on it and confess God's word over it at the same time! **Let go and let God!**