

## What Should I Do?

### I. The Right Direction Isn't Always Obvious

- A. Assuming can be a deadly mistake. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Proverbs 14:12)
- B. The obvious choice may be deadly. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)
- C. The difference between greatness and stupidity is how seriously one takes his own opinions. The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. (Proverbs 12:15)
- D. Seeming right and being right are not necessarily the same thing. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Proverbs 16:25)
- E. The wrong way often seems obvious and popular and has general support but that doesn't make it right. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (Ephesians 5:6)
- F. Those who do not learn, know, and observe God's ways deceive themselves about their spiritual state. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (James 1:22)

### II. Neglecting God's Word Is Suicidal

- A. Those who neglect to measure by God's Word destroy themselves. Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. (Proverbs 13:13)
- B. Remember the problems David caused himself and over Uriah's wife.

Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. (2 Samuel 12:9-10)

- C. Neglect is serious business for eternity. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:28-29)
- D. What does it say of a person who refuses to escape when he has the option? How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; (Hebrews 2:3)

### III. Morals Establish or Destroy

- A. Moral issues cut two ways. Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner. (Proverbs 13:6)
- B. When one focuses on integrity, the answers to life's challenges reveal themselves. The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. (Proverbs 11:3)
- C. People who refuse God's answers exclude life's only paths to success. His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. (Proverbs 5:22)
- D. The righteous person starts with theological questions and those who do not provoke God to oppose them. The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness. (Proverbs 21:12)
- E. Standing still in life and letting it pass by isn't an option. Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands. (Proverbs 14:1)
- F. Act now or regret for eternity. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

(Psalm 95:6-11)