

He will lead, Will you follow?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Our text is a short course in knowing God's will for your life.

If you learn what this passage is teaching and begin to apply it to your daily life, it will make a profound difference when you need to make a tough decision.

There are three key instructions that unlock the message of this text, and the **promised result of following those instructions.**

1. TRUST IN AND RELY CONFIDENTLY ON THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

In our thinking the word trust means to rely upon or to have confidence in. But the Hebrew word is stronger.

*To trust in the Lord is to rest your whole weight upon him—
to depend on him completely—
to entrust your life, your very existence to Him.*

2. AND DO NOT RELY ON YOUR OWN INSIGHT OR UNDERSTANDING.

Use all your mental powers, but do not rely on them for total support.

Don't rely on your own ability to figure out your life.

Instead rely on the Lord!

Entrust your life to Him!

3. IN ALL YOUR WAYS KNOW AND ACKNOWLEDGE AND REGOCNIZE HIM.

We are instructed to know Him deeply and intimately.

It's the kind of knowing that comes with personal experience.

It means to know something through and through.

When you know God that way in every area of your life, he will direct your paths."

Life is hard! Jesus warned us it would be!!! **John 16:33**

If we follow His instructions:

He will remove the obstacles if they need to be removed.

That's the promise of Almighty God to you.

It won't always be easy or come quickly.

Discovering God's will take time as the events of life unfold before us, often in ways that seem to make no sense at all.

Rarely will we know the whole plan in advance.

"Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse."

- Philip Yancey

By faith we believe in advance those things that right now make no sense-- but one day will make perfect sense because we will view them in reverse.

The world says, "Seeing is believing."

God says, "Believing is seeing."

We believe; therefore, we see.