

THE GUIDING WORD OF GOD PSALM 119:105-112

I. GUIDANCE COMES FROM THE _____ - 105

“The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelation of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word, and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.”—*London Baptist Confession of Faith* 1:6

“God’s Word is not a book of theoretical or arcane philosophical musings, mutterings, and meditations. It deals in a highly practical manner with the real problems of daily life, as anyone who has ever read the book of Proverbs can testify.”—*Joel James, “Counsel with Confidence,”* 28

II. GUIDANCE FOR _____ - 106

“The mission of the church is to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit and gathering these disciples into churches, that they might worship the Lord and obey his commands now and in eternity to the glory of God the Father.”—Greg Gilbert & Kevin DeYoung, “What is the Mission of the Church?,” 62

- “1. *Pray for wisdom, not signs* (Prov. 2:6-8; 16:3).
- “2. *Gather information.* (Prov. 13:16; 21:5; 14:15; 15:22; 12:15)”
- “3. *Does the Bible speak directly to the decision?* (Prov. 21:30)”
- “4. *Does the Bible speak indirectly to the decision?* (Ps. 119:24, 105)”
- “5. *All other things being equal, do what you want.*”—*Joel James, “Counsel with Confidence,”* 76-77

“Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.”—*J. Edwards*

III. GUIDANCE FOR _____ - 107

IV. GUIDANCE FOR _____ - 108

“To know Him and to make Him known”

“The light of nature shews that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is just, good and doth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart and all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.” —*LBCF*, XXII:1

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