

What You Lookin' At?

Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions. Watch your step, and the road will stretch out smooth before you. Look neither right nor left; leave evil in the dust. Proverbs 4:25-27
The Message

God isn't trying to find ways to keep you busy. His Way will cause you to become effective!

One of our enemy's greatest strategies against revival in the modern church today is stress. Let's face it; there is so much to do; so many tasks to accomplish; important meetings to attend and high priority demands placed upon our schedule... Life is BUSY!

What does God think about our modern lifestyle? "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV)

Whenever we desire God's Way to unfold in our lives we must 1st consider God's thoughts. We can't experience His ways without first embracing His thoughts.

His thoughts are the keys that open the gates to His way for our lives. Should we ever recognize that our thoughts differ from His, we must be willing to disengage from our own and to embrace His thoughts. We're not going to be changing His mind, but changing ours will lead us towards His ways!

I can't talk for you, but God's way of thinking is usually quite a bit different than my own. The paradox of Christianity is a real mind blower for me. The first shall be last and the last shall be first... The way up is down and the way to increase is to decrease... These thoughts fly right in the face of most of our thought processes.

But to obtain the God Kind of Results that most of us desire we must be willing to embark upon God's Paths of Righteousness. HIS WAY OF THINKING!

Proverbs 4 says, "Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions."

Realize that our enemy's intentions ARE NOT to harm us. What the enemy would love to do is to KILL US! The powers of darkness aren't hoping to slow you down. They're attempting to run you off of the road!

Staying on the right road! With all of the distractions of life it is almost too easy to become side-tracked.

Taking the wrong exit is not a difficult task when we're not paying attention to where it is that we're going. Too many of us have become totally satisfied with the fact that we're going. We've forgotten that our lives serve a greater purpose. Yes, we're going. But we're going somewhere! What road are we on and where does it lead? These are a couple of questions that demand our investigation.

Just a thought, but maybe this is a good time for us to pause. We need to take the time to pull over to the side of the road and to calmly think about where we're at and where we are headed. What are God's plans and are we even on the right road? Are we truly moving towards accomplishing His plans for the development of our future, our family and our faith OR have we allowed ourselves to be influenced by sideshow distractions and taken exits that weren't ours to take?

Instead of eating dust, let's leave evil in the dust! Rather than becoming overwhelmed by the pace of this modern lifestyle, we need to calm down and begin to experience the smooth open road of The Good Life that God has saved, called and empowered us to enjoy. Life is our own Incredible Journey. Let's enjoy the ride together!

Over the next few weeks we're going to be taking A Summer Road Trip. We want to encourage you not to take any unnecessary exits! Stay on the trail. The Right Trail. Enjoy the journey AND the final destination. Your Life ... Your Choices ... Your Journey ... they make a difference!

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