

A Way That Seems Right

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 16:25). Things are not always what they seem. Proverbs warns that we can be deceived into believing we are going down the right path and yet be heading toward death, the opposite direction from God's will. People do not naturally seek God or pursue righteousness (Romans 3:10-18). If we make decisions apart from the guidance of the scriptures, we will be like a ship trying to sail without a compass. We will do what makes the most sense, based on our own wisdom. But what looks attractive may actually lead to sin, ultimately destroying what is precious to us, for our most profound human thinking is mere foolishness to God (1 Corinthians 1:18-20). Only God knows the way that leads to life, and He wants to lead us to walk in it (Matthew 7:13-14).

Don't assume every opportunity that arises is from God. Satan will disguise himself as an *"angel of light,"* and his invitations will seem to be in your best interest (2 Corinthians 11:14). Yet his way leads only to death. John said, *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it"* (John 8:44).

The word of God will be a light to your path, guiding you in the ways of righteousness (Psalm 119:105). People dangerously believe that their feelings indicate Holy Spirit guidance. Most of the time people are merely doing what they want to do. But it is perilous to follow a path that seems right without first consulting the Bible.

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