

## God's Promise of Guidance:

### *He Leads Me in Paths of Righteousness for His Name's Sake*

Leadership is an amazing quality in the right person. It causes others to look up to them, to seek their advice, and it feels good to receive their praise. Following a strong leader, in whom you have absolute faith, gives you a sense of well being. This wise and thoughtful individual will always have you in mind and wants only the best for you. They're never demanding, always reasonable, and they love you.

Let's face it, everyone needs a leader. The quarterback of a football team has the coach, and the coach has the executive office, and the executives have a board of directors. Even the President of the United States follows a leader (the voters). And, if we're honest, everyone wants a leader; someone in whom they can put their complete faith and relinquish all control. But finding a leader, like the one described above, is impossible in our world today. Or is it ...

**Study Questions** – *begin with prayer and ask God to open your heart and mind. Be honest with yourself and with God. There are no right or wrong answers.*

#### REORDER QUESTIONS

Read: Isaiah 53:6

1. What is your worst habit? Something you do that is not in keeping with God's Word?
2. What rut are you in?
3. Good or bad - what is the long-term result of this habit in your life?
4. In what area of your life have you become complacent? How?

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5. What is your step-by-step plan to change?

6. Specifically, how will you involve God in this plan?

7. How does it make you feel to be proactive in this matter?

Read: Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25

8. What does it mean to “turn to my own way”?

Read: John 14:6 and 10:10

9. What is the way we should go? Why?

10. Why is it so hard for you to go God's way, to allow Him to lead?

11. Good or bad – what normally results when you do things your own way?

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Read: Mark 8:34

12. How do you get back in line behind our Great Shepherd?

Read: Luke 12:49-53, 2 Corinthians 1:8, John 15:18

13. (*Personal*) What does it cost you, in your life, to follow God?

Read: 1 John 3:16

14. Are you willing to love Christ first and others more than yourself? Give an example of a time when you truly put someone else first.

Read: Matthew 24:9

15. How has your willingness to follow Christ caused you to stand out from your worldly friends?

Read: 1 Timothy 6:6, 1 Timothy 6:8, and Hebrews 13:5

16. Tell of a time when you accepted a circumstance of life with true contentment.

Read: pg 71 and 72 of "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"

17. How will you learn to cooperate with God's wishes and comply with His will?

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18. How will you now step out and choose to follow Christ's way, to surrender and do what He asks you to do?

19. As His loyal follower, what does God expect of you? Give scripture to support your thoughts.

Read: Acts 5:32 and Philippians 2:13

20. Reread all of the questions and your answers from this study. Then write a prayer which you will commit to pray each day this week.

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