



**JANUARY 8, 2017**

**Living Faith Chapel, Calgary  
(Solution Center)**

**WHY THE NEED FOR DIVINE DIRECTION?**

It is wonderful to be in the presence of the Lord in this New Year with new commitment, new countenance and a new direction. There is every reason for us to be happy because the Lord has been good to us and our families.

Apart from last Sunday, which was also the New Year day celebration, today is the first Sunday service of this month. Therefore, it is still early, and there is ample time for us to seek direction for our lives. This is the reason the month of January 2017 is specifically devoted to the theme: "Divine Direction." God's will or purpose entails following a particular direction out of many options open to you. This is where divine direction comes in. Acknowledge God and Seek Him: "***Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.***" (Proverbs 3:5-7): To acknowledge God is, therefore, to recognize, in all our dealings and undertakings, God's overruling providence. It is not a mere theoretical acknowledgment, but one that engages the whole energy of the soul. It is not lip service or mere profession, but solid commitment to God's leading. Isaiah succinctly captures what a life without God's direction looks like "... ***this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me***" (Isaiah 29:13). We shall be looking at some of the reasons why we need to ask Him for direction in life:

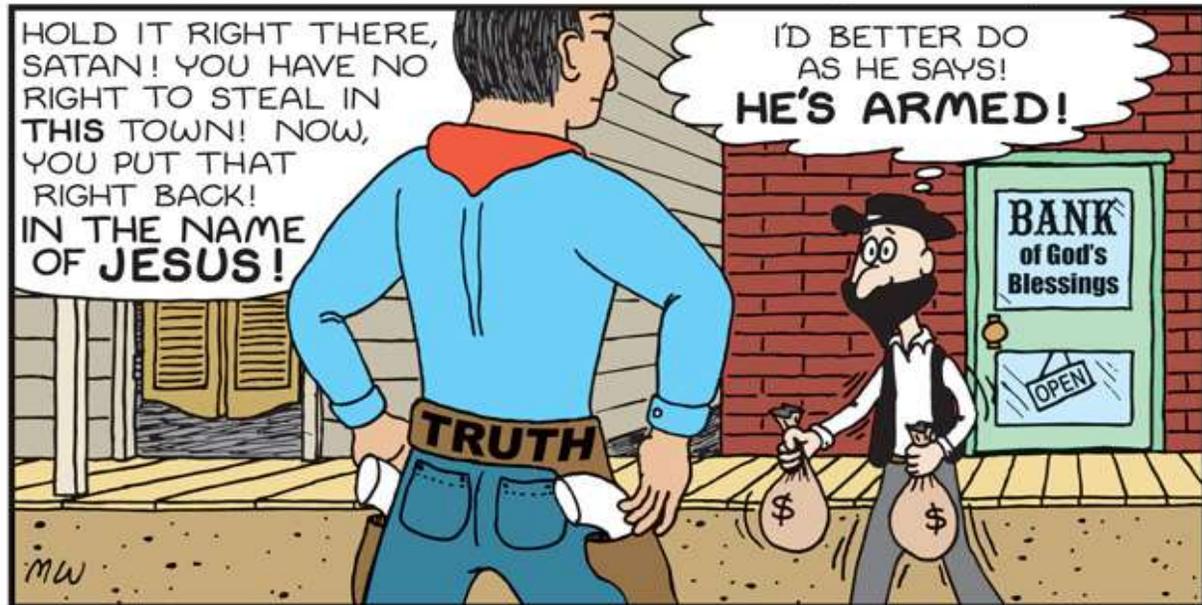
- 1. The life you live is not your own:** Although it is your life, yet you do not own it; and it is not for you to direct your steps. (Jeremiah 10:23). The truth is that life is not worth living without living it out in the purpose of God. Apart from the physical benefits that accrue from following God's purpose for one's life; there is the issue of life satisfaction that cannot be quantified as you live and pursue God's purpose for your life. Many Christians are living a frustrated life just because they do not involve God in the equation before arriving at an answer. (Hosea 13:9).
- 2. God has specific plan for you:** What is God's plan for your life? People desire to do God's will but struggle because they do not know what God's will for them is (Hosea 4:6). We were created by God, in His image, for a purpose. Just as God set apart from birth Isaiah (Isaiah 49:1), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5) and Paul (Galatians 1:15) for a specific purpose, He also has a specific plan for your life. "***For I know the plans I have for you,***' declared the Lord, '***plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future***' (Jeremiah 29:11). The Bible says that God's will is "good, pleasing and perfect" (Romans 12:2).
- 3. The Plan of God for our lives is deep:** It is not enough to know God's plan for your life; it is important to know how to walk in the plan. This knowing of the outworking the plan requires the revealed wisdom which are in the deep. The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever. . . (Deut.29:29).
- 4. God knows all things:** For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." Exo 13:17
- 5. God has the answer.**

God is the source of wisdom for all things. Realize that He not only has the answer, He is the answer. Proverbs 2:6 and 9

God bless you as you kick-start the year 2017 seeking God's directions in all you do!

## BELT OF TRUTH

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

— EPHESIANS 6:13-14 NIV