



**THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD**

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

**BASIC UNDERSTANDING ABOUT DIVINE DIRECTION**

It is another opportunity to come before the presence of the Lord Almighty, and there is every reason for us to be full of His praise. If you think there is nothing to be grateful for, thank Him at least for safety. You drive in this snowy road every day and you have not been reported as being involved in an accident. In case you don't know, motorists die on the road every day due to the bad wintry condition, but for you, it's safety all the way. Why not thank God for directing your paths wherever you have been? Let us be in the mood of praise and thanksgiving to God this morning.

Today, we are continuing with our theme for the month of January, which is "Divine Direction". In line with that theme, our topic for today is: "**Basic Understanding about Divine Direction.**" This message is divided into two parts:

**1. Fundamental understanding to have about divine direction**

1. It doesn't have to be spectacular or dramatic (1 Kg 19:9-13)
2. It is gentle and not forceful/threatening (1 Kg 19:9-13)
3. Assurance comes with experience (1 Sam 3:1-10; 9:15,17);
4. Anyone can make mistake 1Sam 16:6-7
5. Continuity depends on meekness, sensitivity, humility and obedience (1Sam 16:1,4);
6. To receive divine revelation you need to desire it and ask for it (Dan 2:17-19, 23)

**2. Prerequisites or conditions to being led**

**(Ps 25:5, 9-10); (Gen 6:3); (1Th 5:19); (Rom 8:6); (Deut. 32:12); (Jer. 7:23); (Isa 50:7; 52:12)**

These are the promises made by God. What is our part in it? What are my responsibilities in this?

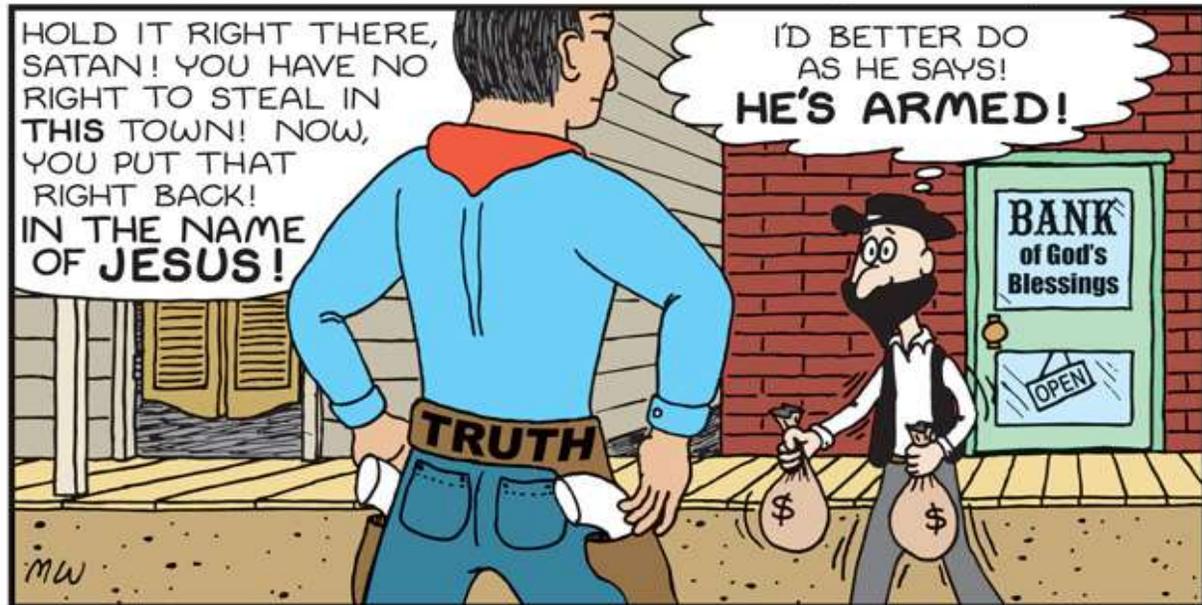
Before a trainee can know how to do something or be able to do something the way it is expected, he/she must:

1. see the trainer as somebody he can learn from i.e. look up to the trainer to learn
2. be interested in learning the art of doing what he is being trained to do (i.e. interest, willingness)
3. put in personal effort/take the steps as directed i.e. complete obedience and truthfulness (1Sam 15:1-3, 9, 13-15)
4. not give up even if there are some instances of mistakes and imperfection. This is part of learning.

The term "direction" implies that the directed person has less knowledge than the person directing. The person directing knows what to meet at the end of the journey, but the directed person is ignorant of the end of the road. As Christians, we are all being directed and therefore blind to the future. We cannot afford to ignore our divine director, who knows the way through this dark wilderness. Everything we do must be in accordance with His instructions.

## BELT OF TRUTH

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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