

Road Maps God's Will And GPS

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

I can recall the time when many cars had several road maps in the glove compartment. Most gas stations sold road maps and books with maps covering the entire province. An index in the front or back of the book guided you to the correct map for the town or city you wanted to visit. Now these maps are a thing of the past only valuable as collector items.

Where would we be today without our phone and car GPS systems? We merely punch in the destination address and we see the route on a screen and the GPS talks us in. Can it get any easier than that?

Technology is a wonderful servant (when it works) but it is a demon when things go sideways. The only totally reliable and completely accurate guide in the world is our sovereign Creator. He speaks with total clarity, truthfulness, and adequacy. He does not mislead us in any way. He tells us all we need to know to do all His holy will.

The difference between road maps and GPS methods of planning a route from where you are to where you want to go and the Bible, is that a road map or GPS will show you the entire route from start to finish. With God's will for our lives, we

often only know the next step. Being curious creatures, we want to know the whole route as soon as we start on the road to the Celestial city.

Remember though, that the Bible is not your personal road map or GPS system to show you the entire route. Rather it will always tell you what to do next. But all too often the Bible does not tell you about a detour on the road just a couple of steps ahead.

The most important issue is to know the next step and our verse for today gives us a precious promise of faithful, personal guidance whatever happens. It may be a sudden, unexpected hospital stay, a difficult medical diagnosis, financial reversal, or other unplanned life crisis.

Whatever disrupts us during our life journey, always keep before you that you have your Good Shepherd just a step ahead of you. Keep your eyes focussed on Him all the way home to heaven.

He leadeth me,
O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly
comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand
that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand
He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes
of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's
bowers bloom,
By waters still,
o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand
that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place
my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God
that leadeth me.

And when my task
on earth is done,
When by Thy grace
the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave
I will not flee,
Since God through
Jordan leadeth me.

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