



Week #6: The Way of Guidance

“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:13 (NKJV)

When we pray Matthew 6:13:

- We confess our human _____ and _____ for help.
- We affirm the _____ and _____ nature of our faith.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

Our choices are significant because they:

- Show our _____ and _____.
- Matter to _____, _____, and _____.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

Any temptation you face will be nothing new. But God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can handle. But He always provides a way of escape so that you will be able to endure and keep moving forward.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (VOICE)

Since we know our choices matter, we can:

- Ask God for _____.
- Take _____ and _____ for our decisions.
- _____ to walk with us.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 (NRSV)

Discussion Questions

1. Who is your most trusted friend that you can count on to give you wise counsel? What makes this person trustworthy?
2. What areas of personal struggle have you been dealing with on your own? What keeps you from asking God for some guidance in that area?
3. Who in your circle can you call upon to keep you on the right path? Can you be that for someone else?

Recommended Resources

- *Good and Beautiful and Kind*, by Rich Villodas
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- We affirm the ACTIVE and SURRENDERED nature of our faith.

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- Show our VALUES and SHAPE US.
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Since we know our choices matter, we can:

- Ask God for GUIDANCE.
- Take INVENTORY and RESPONSIBILITY for our decisions.
- INVITE OTHERS to walk with us.

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