

Answer Key:

5 Steps:

- 1. Culture • God
- 2. Friends • hearing
- 3. Substitutes • owner's manual
- 4. Circumstances • your
- 5. Feelings • lie • yourself / true

5 Steps to getting Guidance...

- 1. led • desire
- 2. willing • yes
- 3. look • Word
- 4. Holy Spirit • humbly • faith
- 5. Response • run off

Guiding directions...

- prayer
- devotional
- church
- commitment

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You asked for it!

Part 9

"Finding Your way in Life..."

Psalm 23:1-3 NCV

"The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in green pastures. He leads me to calm water. He gives me new strength. He leads me on paths that are right for the good of his name."

Introductory Statement

Life is full of decisions: What job? What school? Which friends? Decisions can be stressful because they all have consequences, but God wants to lead us in the right paths using his Word in the Bible as a roadmap and his Spirit as our personal guide.

Romans 8:14 CEV

"Only those people who are led by God's Spirit are God's children."

The Bible tells us that life is a journey, and that God has given us a roadmap.

5 Stops:

1. _____!

Romans 12:2 NLT

"Do not copy the behavior or values of this world. Instead, let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is!"

- I cannot follow a culture that does not follow _____ if I am trying to follow God if I am trying to be led by the Spirit.

Exodus 23:2 GWT

"Never follow a crowd in doing wrong."

5 Stops:

2. _____!

1 John 3:7 NCV

"Do not let anyone lead you the wrong way! Christ is righteous, so to be like Christ, you must do what is right. And anyone who keeps on sinning is being led by the Devil."

- One of the reasons you do not hear God's will is because you are always _____ what their will is.

Proverbs 13:20 NLT

"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."

You cannot soar with the eagles if you are running with the

turkeys!

Somebody's Mama!

5 Stops:

3. _____!

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

"Never look to psychics or séances or fortunetelling or the stars or people who claim to contact the dead. People who do these things are doing evil and God hates it with a passion."

**If you are following the stars, you are not following the son,
S-O-N.**

- The best place to look is to read the _____
_____, that's the Bible, and talk to the Creator who made you, and that's where you are gonna find out about your life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

5 Stops:

4. _____!

Acts 27:10 NCV

"Men, I can see there will be a lot of trouble on this trip. The ship, the cargo, and even our lives may be lost."

- Your circumstances may be out of _____ control, but God is in control of everything; your thoughts shape you, but God can help you think good thoughts.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Message.

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track."

You cannot just trust circumstances!

5 Steps:

5. _____!

Proverbs 14:12 CEV

"You may feel you're on the right road and still end up dead."

- If I want to be led by God's spirit, I cannot be led by my feelings, because your feelings _____ to you all the time.
- You lie to _____ more than you lie to anybody else. Just because you think it does not make it _____.

Isaiah 53:6 Living Bible

"We've all strayed away like sheep! We have left God's paths to follow our own."

Why did we leave God's path to follow our own?

Because we felt like it!

5 Steps to getting Guidance...

...if I want to get guidance from God...

1. _____.

Psalm 40:8 NCV

"My God, I want to do what you want. Your teachings are in my heart."

- I have got to _____ it first!

**The reason why He wants to do it is because he is reading the Bible,
*"Your teachings are in my heart."***

5 Steps to getting Guidance...

...if I want to get guidance from God...

2. _____.

John 7:17 TEV

***"Whoever is willing to do what God wants and chooses it will know
if what I teach comes from God."***

- God, before you even tell me what you want me to do, my answer in advance is already _____.

5 Steps to getting Guidance...

...if I want to get guidance from God...

3. _____

Psalm 119:105

"Your Word is a lamp to guide me, and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:133 NLT

***"Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by any
evil."***

- God's will is found in God's _____.

5 Steps to getting Guidance...

...if I want to get guidance from God...

4. _____

James 4:2 NIV

"You do not have, because you do not ask God for it

Psalm 27:11 TEV

***"Teach me, Lord, what you want me to do, and lead me down the
right path."***

- Ask _____

Psalm 25:9 NIV

***"God guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his
way."***

- Ask in _____

James 1:5-6 Living Bible

***"If you want to know what God really wants you to do, ask him,
and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a
bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; but...be sure***

**that you really expect him to tell you... If you don't ask in faith,
don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer.**

5 Steps to getting Guidance...

...if I want to get guidance from God...

5. _____

Job 33:14 NCV

**"God does speak — sometimes one way and sometimes another —
even though people may not understand it."**

Psalm 77:19 NLT

**"Your road led by a pathway through the sea — a pathway no one
knew was there!"**

- This is really a big reason why we do not hear God is because we ask, and
then we immediately _____!

Guiding directions...

- Where are you in your _____ life.
- Where are you in your _____ time.

- Where are you in your _____ life.
- Where are you in your _____ to Him and His will in life.