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TOPIC: DIVINE DIRECTION.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Kings 17:9- "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

TEXT: 2 Samuel 5:17-21.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

One wrong step in life can lead to a major crash of destiny, while one right step can lead to eternal pleasure and treasure. When you allow the Lord to lead you, the future is secure & great.

The bias and errors made in decisions without divine direction are: overconfidence, procrastination, immediate gratification, and many individuals place great emphasis on another person's advice that validates their preferred choice. This only reinforces what could be a bad decision.

So, divine direction is needed in every area of our endeavours, just like what David asked God for in our above stated text to enable us make a solid, reliable decision without these kinds of negative influences?

(B) WHY DO WE NEED DIVINE DIRECTION?

The reason we need divine guidance is repeatedly encapsulated in both **Prov. 14:12 & Prov. 16:25**. The best of our wisdom and our logical thinking is not a substitute for God's guidance.

You are permitted to think, but let God have the final say –**Prov. 16:9**.

The one who created the wilderness knows the way through it - **Psalms 32:8**.

God will lead you along a path that will fulfil His plans for your life. He is the one who knows the direction you are to follow and will lead you accordingly.

(C) STEPS FOR DIVINE DIRECTION:

i.-- **Acknowledge that God has the answer.** Realize that God is the source of wisdom and the answer for all things - Proverbs 2:6 &9. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path."

ii.--**Pray and ask for God's wisdom.** How can you be sure God will answer when you ask Him? James 1:5.

iii--. **Believe He will guide you.** Faith is an important component to accepting God's wisdom. God's direction in your decision will become clearer and more distinct as you continue to pray and ask for His help-.Proverbs 4:18

'... greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world" 1 John 4:4



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iv.--. **Check your decision with God's Word:** James 3:15-17 Have the courage to ask yourself whether your choice meets these qualifications for God's wisdom, or whether there are still any outside influences directing your path.

(D) BENEFITS OF DIVINE DIRECTION – Psal. 23:1- 6

1.Divine Provisions: Psal. 23:1 – 2; Psalms 105:37, 40-41.

2.Peace: Psal. 23:2; Psalms 85:8.

3.Divine Confidence: Psalms 23:3 ; Hebrews 10:35.

4.Divine presence: Psalms 23:4 ; Exodus 33:15 .

5.Divine protection and Humbles your enemies: Psalms 23:5 .No devil can stop you- Psalms 105:13 – 15

6. Divine Certainty – Removes guess work: “Guess work does not work for long” .Psalms 23:6

(Goodness = Good Spouse, Good House, Good Job . Mercy = Greater than Justice).

(E) REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVINE DIRECTION: The major demand or pre-requisite for Divine Direction is that you must be one of His sheep - **John 10:27 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me”**. If you are one of His sheep, then you must live righteously, run away from any appearance of sin & take active part in His vineyard's (Church) activities.

(F) CONCLUSION:

God is the source of all wisdom who is ready to give us His direction in every area of our endeavour. Only He views your life from an eternal and comprehensive perspective. Allow Him to become part of your decision-making process and guarantee yourself a lifetime of success.

PRAYER POINTS:

- (1) O LORD MY FATHER, ALWAYS GUIDE AND DIRECT ME IN KNOWING YOUR MIND ON ISSUES OF MY LIFE, IN JESUS NAME.**
- (2) I REFUSE TO MAKE FOUNDATIONAL MISTAKES IN MY DECISION MAKING, IN THE NAME OF JESUS.**
- (3) IF...(mention the name of the thing) IS NOT FOR ME, O LORD, RE- DIRECT MY STEPS, IN JESUS NAME.**

‘... greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world’ 1 John 4:4