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Godly Reflections by Kim

Choose the Right Path

We make decisions every day, sometimes without thinking about where that road will take us. You can be in your car driving down a familiar road and make a left turn instead of the customary right turn that you would normally take. This split-second decision could potentially change the course of your life forever, all because you didn't let Christ help you steer the wheel. For each of us life is filled with the unknown...is this the right guy—the right job—the right set of circumstances that will lead me to happiness instead of despair? Well, Jesus Christ took the guess work out of which path in life you should take. He made it very plain. Look at John 12:26 NIV:

John 12:26 (NIV)

26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

In John 12:26, Jesus makes it clear that following him has a tremendous benefit. He said that God will honor those who follow after Christ in service. God will bless those who seek to live and love by studying the scriptures, being a blessing to others, and worshiping Him through our blessed Lord. This is such a lovely verse, because sometimes we forget that God is honored to have us follow after Him through Christ. It's a blessing indeed.

What are we really talking about here? We are talking about your heart's motivation. We are talking about how you truly intend to live your life. This is important stuff because you see, your intention drives your outcome. When you get in that car, sit behind the wheel, and put the key in the ignition, you intend to travel somewhere. Odds are that you have a pretty good idea of where you are going, and you also know why you are going there. But here's the big Kahuna, you don't always know if you'll make it there.

John 8:12 (NIV)

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

How wonderful it is to know that when you get in that car, press the gas, and begin to travel—you will never again travel in the darkness, but through Christ you will travel with the light of life. This is the promise that he has made, and he delivers on it.

People will tell you what they think of you and how they think you should live your life, but when all is said and done the choice is yours. The path you travel will always be up to you, and if you

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want the peace of God that passes all understanding, you've got to desire to please Him and follow Christ in your heart.

Following Christ doesn't mean that we get a pass from the complexities of life. Anyone that chooses to follow after Jesus Christ will face tribulations, but tribulations build character and strength, so that when you DO face problems in life, you won't doubt that God is leading you in the right direction. You won't doubt that—although the path is rocky—your destination is most definitely the right place for you to be. How glorious is that! And when you reach the place God intends you to be, you won't be disappointed, Hallelujah!

The life we lead is one of our own choosing. If you find that your choices have been poor and life has not been good to you—you can still be good to it. You don't have to be a victim of circumstance all your life. Choose to be victorious by choosing to follow Christ! Choosing him is almost never the easy way out, but it's the best way out.

Stay dedicated to the faith. Sacrifice your way of doing things for His way. Like driving, this is a reality that requires your full attention at all times. Don't allow situations to rule your destiny and control your emotions, but allow the love of Christ to be your compass. Take comfort that when he's behind the wheel of your car, you can't help but choose the right path!