

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

### PROVERBS 3:5-6

I. When you don't know what to do, find your confidence in God's power (v. 5).

A. Confidence in God's power reveals itself in two ways:

1. Confidence reveals itself in total dependence (Jam. 1:8).
2. Confidence reveals itself in the rejection of personal desires, opinions and fears (Prov. 3:7).

B. Why can we trust God's promises?

1. We can trust God's promises because He's not a man (Num. 23:19).
2. We can trust God's promises because He is unchanging (Isa. 55:8-9).

II. When you don't know what to do, remain committed to His purpose (v. 6).

A. Commitment to God's purpose has two requirements:

1. Trust without hesitation.
2. Dependence without input.

B. Separating the committed from the selfish (Luke 14:25-35).

1. The Question of our Love—Do we love Him the most (v. 26)?
2. The Question of the Cross—Do we trust Him with our lives (v. 27)?
3. The Question of Discipline—Are we willing to pay the price of preparation in our personal lives (vv. 28-32)?
4. The Question of Cost—Are we willing to give Him everything (v. 33)?

III. When you don't know what to do, trust God and His plan (v. 6b).

A. God will do His part: "...and He shall direct your paths."

1. This is a promise, but it is a conditional promise. You will not be controlled by the plan of God, unless you are confident in the power of God and committed to the purpose of God.

2. Stop and think about this phrase “He shall direct your paths.” This tells us that life can only be lived on one of three levels.

- ◆ Level one: “I do what I want to do.” That is the level most of the world lives on.
- ◆ Level two: “I do what I think I ought to do.” That is the level that most Christians live on.
- ◆ Level three: “I do what God directs me to do.”

B. How does God direct our path?

1. God directs us through prayer and His written Word (Prov. 16:3).
2. God directs us through godly counsel (Prov. 11:14; 15:22).