

GOD'S PROMISE AND MY DECISIONS
#SermonGuidance
God's Promises To The Stressed - Part 4
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Psalm 23:1-3 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. ³ He restores my soul; **He guides me** in the **paths of righteousness** for his name's sake. (NASB)

Three Things To Stop Doing

1. STOP FOLLOWING _____

Exodus 23:2a **Do not follow the crowd** in doing wrong... (NIV)

Romans 12:2 **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world**, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. **Then you will learn to know God's will for you**, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (NLT)

Deuteronomy 18:10-12a **You must never**... practice black magic, be a fortuneteller, witch, or sorcerer, ¹¹ cast spells, ask ghosts or spirits for help, or consult the dead. ¹² Whoever does these things is disgusting to the LORD... (GW)

Psalm 119:133 **Guide my steps by your word**, so I will not be overcome by any evil. (NLT)

2. STOP FOLLOWING _____

1 John 3:7 Dear children, **do not let anyone lead you the wrong way**. Christ is all that is right. So to be like Christ a person must do what is right. (NCV)

Proverbs 13:20 **Keep company with the wise** and you will become wise. If you make **friends with stupid people, you will be ruined**. (TEV)

3. STOP FOLLOWING _____

Jeremiah 17:9 The **heart is deceitful** above all things, and desperately sick; **who can understand it?** (ESV)

Proverbs 14:12 Some people **think they are doing right**, but in the end it leads to death. (NCV)

Philippians 1:9c ...You need to use your head and test your feelings. (MSG)

Three Things To Start Doing

1. ADMIT TO GOD _____

Isaiah 53:6a All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own... (NLT)

Psalms 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. (NIV)

2. ASK GOD IN _____

Matthew 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (NIV)

James 1:5-7 If you want to know what God 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; he will not resent it. ⁶ But... be sure that you really expect him to tell you... ⁷ ...If you don't ask with faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer. (LB)

3. TRUST GOD WHEN _____

Proverbs 2:3a, 5, 9 If you want better insight and discernment... ⁵ ...learn the importance of reverence for the Lord and of trusting him. ⁹ He shows how to distinguish right from wrong, how to find the right decision every time. (LB)

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁵ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (NIV)

Psalms 37:23-24 The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. ²⁴ Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand. (NLT)

2 Corinthians 1:9 We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. (LB)

Proverbs 12:28 In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality. (NIV)