



DIVINE GUIDANCE

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you...
James 1:5 (NLT)

*Perhaps I will stay awhile with you, possibly all winter, and then you can send me on my way to my next destination. This time I don't want to make just a short visit and then go right on. I want to come and stay awhile, if the Lord will let me. In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost. There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me. **1 Corinthians 16:6-9 (NLT)***

HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S DIVINE DIRECTION

1. I must strive for the **who** before the **do** and the **why** before the **what** (Become Holy).

*God's will is for you to **be holy**... **1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NLT)***

*For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like **His Son**, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **Romans 8:29 (NLT)***

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. **Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)***

2. Seek God's **Wisdom** to discern the way I should go.

*If you need wisdom, ask... **James 1:5 (NLT)***

*Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. **Proverbs 4:7 (NLT)***

HOW TO GET WISDOM

A. **ASK** GOD FOR IT!

*If you need wisdom, ask... **JAMES 1:5 (NLT)***

*The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. **Psalm 32:8 (NLT)***

B. **WALK** WITH **THOSE** WHO'VE GOT IT!

*Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. **Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)***

C. MAKE THE **CALL** KNOWING GOD HAS GOT YOU COVERED!

*We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. **Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)***

Going deeper on your own. Get a piece of paper and pen and write down two or three things you are looking for God's direction on. Review the message notes. Keeping what we have learned in mind, pray about the issue you are seeking direction on. As you do, ask the following questions; "Lord, is this open door from you or Satan?" "Lord, search my heart and reveal to me if this decision is based on my wants or Your will?" "God, what can I do in this decision to draw me closer to You and bring You glory?" "God, if You are giving me freedom in this decision will You give me wisdom on the next step to take?" Finally, Ask God to help you see the possible destinations this decision will lead to. How will it affect you, your family, your children, and most of all your walk with Him? Write me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me your story.