



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Don't put your confidence in your own understanding. **In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.*** Proverbs 3:5-6

What ever you do, whether in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.
Colossians 3:17

I. What Does It Mean to Acknowledge God In All My Ways?

Verse 6 of Proverbs 3 is probably one of the more well known and most quoted passages of scripture in the Bible. But, in the same way, it is probably one of the most misinterpreted ones as well.

It is easy to jump right to the fact that God wants to “direct our path” without giving deep consideration to the concept of acknowledging Him in all of our ways. We love to consider God as guide and protector, but often we don’t “*acknowledge Him in all our ways.*”

God’s guidance and protection over our life is simply a by-product of our seeking Him and following His ways.

So what does it look like to “acknowledge God in all my ways?”

The definition of acknowledge:

1. Declare to be true or admit the existence or reality or truth of.
2. Report the truth of.
3. Express recognition of the presence or existence of, or acquaintance with.
4. Express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for.
5. Accept someone to be what is claimed or accept his power and authority.
6. Accept as legally binding and valid.

The Hebrew for “acknowledge” – “yada” – is also used in 1 Chron. 28:9, when David encourages Solomon to “*know (yada) the God of your father and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind.*” **Knowing God, acknowledging Him, leads to service with whole heart and mind.**

Core Point: The Word tells us to acknowledge Him “In All Our Ways.” This is the doorway to God’s involvement in all of our lives. We need to fully acknowledge Him in all we do, and we will see the difference He makes in all ways!

The word “acknowledge” carries with it the idea of intimate communion and is used to describe the marriage relationship. We could translate it this way: “**In everything you do, make sure you know the Lord.**” **It’s the kind of knowing that only comes by personal experience.** When we know God’s heart, we will never question His will because knowing God’s will is really all about knowing God.

Acknowledging God means to **keep Him in Mind** with everything you do. Make it a habit to think of Him often. Simply keeping Him in the loop is what is important. **He cares about everything in our lives.**

II. Putting Action to Our Acknowledging

Christians are expected to become disciples. That means learning to acknowledge God in all we do, and it takes a lot of growing and learning. Because we are always learning, we are increasingly able to acknowledge Him in all of our ways. This means you are able to do everything you do in word or deed on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*In all your ways acknowledge Him, and **He will make your paths straight.*** Proverbs 3:6

When you acknowledge Him, He can make even the crooked paths **straight** and the rough places smooth. (Isaiah 42:16; 45:2) If you don’t acknowledge Him, the path remains crooked and the way rough, and that greatly increases the likelihood of disappointment and failure.

Proverbs 3:5-6 is a promise, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. By acknowledging Him we are confessing that He exists, that He is Lord of all, that His words are truth, that we are grateful for His grace, that we have an obligation to serve Him, that we are subject to His power and authority over our lives, and that we accept His claims over our lives as legal and binding.

Will you acknowledge Him in all your ways? In your thought life, in your social and family life. Will you acknowledge Him in your vocational life and your ambitions? Will you acknowledge Him in your prayer life and your church life? Will you let Him lead you to be a witness for Him?

Core Statement: I acknowledge You God in all of my ways! I invite Your oversight and leading, in all things that make up my life. You will make any crooked path straight as I continually acknowledge you in everything!