

# Sunday School

October 19, 2008

## Heart Direction

Text: **II Thessalonians 3:5**

*“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.”*

Direct: GK *kateuthuno*

- To straighten fully (intensity)
- To guide
- To level, steer, governor
- Make straight

SYNONYMS	ANTONYMS
Straight	Circuitous
Shortest	Roundabout
Through	Indirect
Unswerving	Twisty
Undeviating	Meandering
Nonstop	Inconsistent
Express	Creep
In a straight line	Winding
Uninterrupted	Interrupted
Honest	Lies
Straight forward	oblique

Straight  
as an  
arrow

On/off  
in/out  
up/down  
back/forth  
stop/go

But not like  
a bull,  
turtle, or a  
crow

Sideways, slanted or backward,  
sloping, leaning, tilted, side  
stepping

## I. Our Hearts Need Directing

**Jeremiah 10:23**

*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*

**Psalms 17:5 – (119:117, 36); Ps. 37:23; Prov. 16:1-3,9; 19:21; 20:24**

1. The most important thing in your life is knowing the will of God.

**I Thess. 4:3; 5:18; Eph. 6:6; Col. 4:12**

2. One of the most important tests that a man will face is to have direction by knowing the will of God and will a man really wait on Christ for fulfillment.

**Ps. 31:23**      O Love the Lord

**Ps. 34:9**        O Fear the Lord

**Ps. 27:14**      Wait on the Lord

## II Thessalonians 3:5

*And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."*

The Heart – directed into the LOVE OF GOD.

The Mind – directed into the PATIENCE OF CHRIST.

3. Only the Lord can keep our hearts and minds.

**Philippians 4:7**

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

4. God prepares the heart and the mind

**Psalms 10:17**

■ Lord thou hast heard the desire of the Humble

■ Thou wilt prepare their heart

■ Thou wilt cause thine ear to hear.

**Ps. 34:19; 37:23-24; 40:2; Pr. 24:16; Micah 6:8; Jude 24**

5. God hears the heart and mind that He prepares.

**Psalm 10:17**

*LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble:  
thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine  
ear to hear:-* ← **A cry in the Heart by Divine**

**Preparation**

**A Cry for:**

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| • Salvation   | • Infilling       |
| • Healing     | • Revival         |
| • Deliverance | • A Perfect Heart |

**--II Kings 20:3; Isaiah 38:3**

- When you think of “direction”, what is the first thing you think of?
- If you allow your heart to go in a wrong direction, you have no control over the circumstances.
- You have total control over a choice, but absolutely no control over the circumstances after that choice is acted on.

Isaiah 26:3; II Thess 3:16

- Lord, direct our hearts into your love and our minds into your patience lest we make a wrong choice.
- **Every choice** made without Christ is a **WRONG choice**.
- Worldly affections and vain thoughts lead to wrong choices.

Psalm 119:104, 113,128  
Jer. 4:14  
Matt. 6:24

I Kings 18:21  
II Kings 17:41