

Following the Leading of God

Isaiah 30:21

*Whether you turn to the right or to
the left, your ears will hear a voice
behind you, saying, “This is the way;
walk in it.”*

What Keeps People From Following the Leading of God?

1. Lack of Knowledge

Acts 19:1-2 (NIV) While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when ^[a] you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

2)Fear of the Unknown

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV) The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.^[a]

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

- ❖ Limited by one’s comfort zone
- ❖ You will never discover the blessings and opportunities ahead of you if you do not go beyond your comfort zone

3) Lack of Faith

Matthew 13:58 (NIV) ...“Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. ⁵⁵ “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him...And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

❖ Comparison between the natural and supernatural

❖ **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)** For we live by faith, not by sight.

4) The fear of Losing Control

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV) Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.

⁶ Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.

5) The Trouble involved

1 Corinthians 16:8-9 (NIV) But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹ because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

- ❖ Every journey has a price
- ❖ Every Prize/Award has a Price/Cost
- ❖ The blessings far out weigh the troubles

The Blessings of Following the Leading of God

1. His Plans Are Easier to Follow than Ours

Matthew 11:29-30 (NIV)

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

2. His Plans Prevail over Human Limitations

Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty”

3. His Plans are Always Successful

(2 Chronicles 26:4-5 NIV)

Uzziah did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father Amaziah had done. He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the LORD, God gave him success.

4. His Plans will Lead you to New Levels

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know

5. His Plans Will Have an Impact in the world through you

Daniel 11:32 (KJV)

But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

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