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Title : Is your GPS working? (God's Positioning for SUCCESS)
Text : Proverbs 3:5-8; Psalms 37:3-6

Introduction

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a global navigation satellite system developed by the US Department of Defense. It became fully operational in 1995 and has become a widely used aid to navigation worldwide, a useful tool for map-making, land surveying, commerce, scientific uses, tracking and surveillance, and even for hobbies. Currently GPS has significant applications for both military and the civilian industry. (Military: Navigation, target tracking, missile & projectile guidance, search & rescue, reconnaissance & map creation) (Civilian: Navigation, surveying)

Current interest is in using this system for navigation – ease in going to your destination.

From the scripture passages in Proverbs 3 and Psalm 37 you can find that the believer also has a GPS for his walk or Christian life. Not Global Positioning System but God's Positioning for Success. This GPS will be of much help to you if you realize or recognize that 2 Timothy 3:1-9 is a reality in our world today. Find out today if your GPS is working!

God's purpose is for us to succeed in who we are to become, to be like Jesus – “to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” Ephesians 4:13b.

As this involves a process, we need to take advantage of how God positions us to have a firm foundation that will stand in the midst of whatever challenges are before us.

How It Works

To ensure your GPS is working the application is very simple (Proverbs 3:5-8). These keys need to be ON always:

- 1) Trust God with all your heart. HOW? From your heart to your mind and not otherwise!
- 2) Have confidence in Him always. WHY? You will not doubt His ways.
- 3) Do not rely on ... own understanding. WHY? It challenges your faith.
- 4) What He says, do it. WHY? In doing we experience Him!

Trusting God is having faith in Him ... in who He is and all that He is to us as well as knowing all that He can and will do for us because He loves us unconditionally.

How It Helps

It is amazing because when you trust Him He positions you to have;

- 1) Strength at the onset of trusting (Proverbs 3:8)
- 2) Stability in the midst of trusting (Psalm 37:6)
- 3) Satisfaction, the outcome of trusting (Psalm 37:4)

Conclusion: What Should I Do?

- 1) Get my GPS working. Realign and rearrange if needed to move on in my faith.
- 2) Take every challenge seriously that God gives to me ... and do it because He is challenging.
- 3) Rejoice in the faith that you exercise ... you will succeed to be more like Jesus!