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Living with God's Guidance in Everyday Life

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1. Introduction

- Life is full of decisions—career, finances, relationships, health, even daily choices.
- Many rely only on human wisdom, but God calls us to trust His guidance.
- Today, we'll learn how to live in full dependence on God's direction.

2. Discussion Questions

1. What areas of life are easiest for you to trust God with? Hardest?
2. Can you think of a time when leaning on your own understanding got you into trouble? What did you learn?

3. How can you practically acknowledge God in *all* your ways week?
4. What's one step of faith you feel God calling you to take right now?

3. Explanation of the Text

(Proverbs 3:5–6) *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

- **“Trust in the Lord”** – not partial trust, but full confidence in His character and promises.
- **“With all your heart”** – trust must be wholehearted, not divided between God and self.
- **“Lean not on your own understanding”** – human reasoning is limited and flawed.
- **“In all your ways submit to him”** – invite God into every part of life, not just church or emergencies.
- **“He will make your paths straight”** – God promises guidance, clarity, and direction to those who surrender.

4. Life Application Teaching Points

A. Trust God Over Your Feelings

- Feelings change; God's Word doesn't.
- Example: Fear says, “You'll fail.” God says, “I am with you.” (Isaiah 41:10)

Application: When making decisions, measure them by Scripture, not emotions.

B. Don't Depend Solely on Human Wisdom

- Proverbs 14:12 – “There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads to death.”
- We often rationalize sin or shortcuts.

Application: Seek counsel in prayer and from godly mentors, not just culture or Google.

C. Acknowledge God in Every Area of Life

- Not just Sunday mornings—God cares about your job, school, finances, marriage, health.

Application: Start each day with prayer: *“Lord, guide my steps today.”*

D. God’s Promise of Direction

- Straight paths = clarity, peace, and divine order.
- Doesn’t mean easy, but it means right.

Application: Rest in God’s leading even when the road is uncertain.

5. Biblical Examples

Example: Abraham leaving his homeland not knowing where he was going (Hebrews 11:8).

Modern Example: A believer who turned down a dishonest deal and later saw God open better doors.

6. Call to Action

- This week: Before making any major or minor decision, pause and pray: *“Lord, what would You have me do?”*
 - Journal how God leads and compare it with Scripture.
 - Surrender areas where you’ve been leaning on your own understanding.
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7. Conclusion

- God’s guidance is not hidden—He wants to direct us.
- The Holy Spirit is our helper (John 16:13).
- If you walk with Him daily, He will order your steps (Psalm 37:23).