

The Lord Directed Their Paths

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Introduction:

1. In these verses Solomon revealed:
 - a. some important instructions
 - b. the special blessing that the Lord will provide for those who practice these instructions.
2. In our lesson we are examining 5 Bible characters whose paths were directed by the Lord.

Discussion:

I. ABRAHAM

- A. God told Abraham to go to a place He would show him (Genesis 12:1-3).
- B. We read about Abraham's response in Genesis 12:4-5; Hebrews 11:8-10.
- C. Abraham followed Solomon's instructions.
- D. Consequently, God directed Abraham's paths.

II. JOSEPH

- A. Joseph's brothers sold him to some merchantmen who took him to Egypt (Genesis 37:28).
- B. Later, Joseph told his brothers that God had directed him to Egypt, not them (Genesis 45: 4-8).
- C. Joseph followed Solomon's instructions.
- D. Consequently, God directed his paths.

III. MOSES (Hebrews 11:23-28)

- A. Moses followed Solomon's instructions.
- B. Consequently, God directed his paths.

IV. PETER (Luke 5:1-11)

- A. Peter learned an important lesson about following Solomon's instructions.
- B. Peter also learned an important lesson about having the Lord direct his paths.

V. PAUL (Acts 16:6-12)

- A. Paul certainly followed Solomon's instructions.
- B. Consequently, God directed his paths.
- C. Lydia and her household and the jailer and his house were converted.

Conclusion:

1. Today we have observed the 10th anniversary of the occasion when we first met as a congregation.
2. Let us thank God for His abundant blessings.
3. As we look to the future, let us heed Solomon's words of wisdom.