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## **“Shepherd” (4)**

**“...The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.”  
(Proverbs 4:18-19)**

### **Follow the Leader**

**Psalm 23:3** – “...He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”

**John 1:38-39** – (38) “Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, ‘What are you seeking?’ And they said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ (39) He said to them, ‘Come and you will see.’ So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.”

**Mark 1:17** – “And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’”

**Luke 5:27-28** – (27) “After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ (28) And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.”

**Matthew 16:24** – “Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”

**John 16:13** – “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

### **Our Guide**

**Romans 8:14** – “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

**Galatians 5:25** – “Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” (NLT)

**Isaiah 30:20-21** – (20) “And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see

your Teacher. (21) And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.”

### **Daily Prayer**

**Matthew 6:13** – “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

**Psalms 25:4-5** – (4) “Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. (5) Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.”

### **Daily Pondering**

**Proverbs 4:26-27** – (26) “Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. (27) Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.”

**Matthew 7:13-14** – (13) “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. (14) For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

**Proverbs 14:12, 16:25** – “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

### **Keep Confident in the Lord**

**Proverbs 3:5-6** – (5) “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. (6) In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

### **Heed the Warnings**

**Proverbs 7:25-27** – (25) “Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, (26) for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng. (27) Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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