

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE

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Genesis 2:16, 17—“And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’”

We worship God with our best resources because He provides instructions for life. In the Garden of Eden, God was the Master Instructor to our first parents. According to our Bible text, He instructed them about the available resources and the danger of substituting another source of knowledge for Himself. Humanity was created with a manual to journey through the maze of life. The Divine Provider occupies the best position to instruct us about managing our God-given resources. He provides us with guidelines through His Word and Holy Spirit.

Once a pastor was visiting a foreign country and had to go to the airport before sunrise. So, he hired a taxi. The driver was not using any GPS but seemed quite confident about the direction to the airport. Then he started driving around in the city, looking for the right exit. The pastor, looking at his watch, realized that “check-in” was now open. Finally, on the highway, the driver explained that he had never been to the airport, but a friend had once given him the directions. Regularly, he was craning his neck to look for road signs. The driver was hesitant, and this made the pastor nervous. After 30 minutes, the supposed duration of the trip, the car had stopped on a narrow stretch in the middle of nowhere. The confused driver made several phone calls. Time was running out. Check-in was now closed, and the pastor was stuck with a driver who still did not know the direction to the airport.

It does not have to be so for our life’s journey. From the very beginning and until today, our God knows and gives the best directions. Those who follow His instructions are on track to reach their goals and the final destination. This week, as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings, called Promise, let us remember the instructions of our heavenly Teacher.

PRAYER

Lord, indeed You are the Wisest Instructor. We invite You to lead us in our life decisions and the management of our resources.