

## Lesson Seven

### *The Prayer Warrior's Marching Orders*

## Hearing and Obeying God: Four Premises of Divine Guidance

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### *Foundational Scripture:*

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (MSG)

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend...

Exodus 33:11a (NIV)

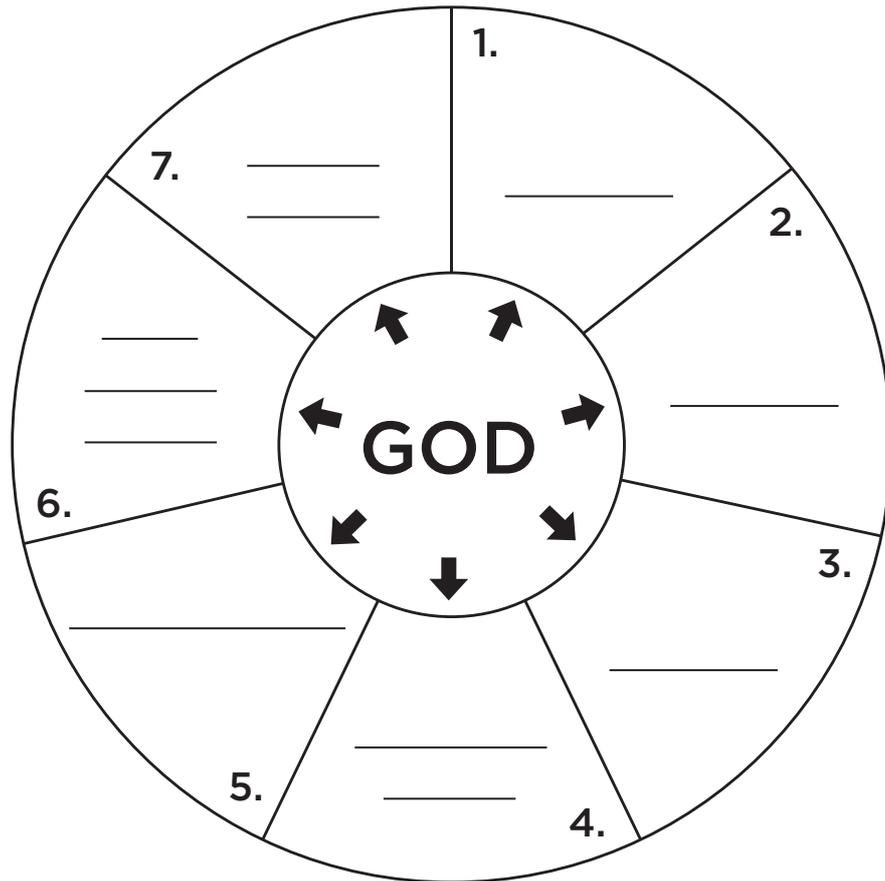
### **Four Premises of Divine Guidance**

#### **Premise One:**

Divine guidance is the \_\_\_\_\_  
communication of God's daily \_\_\_\_\_ for every  
believer.

**Summary: God still \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
today!**

## Seven Ways God Communicates with His Children The Circle of Guidance



1. God communicates \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture:**

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.

Acts 9:3-7 (NIV)

And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain... And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

Exodus 19:17, 19 (NKJV)

2. God communicates through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture:**

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia... So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Acts 16:6, 8-9 (NIV)

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

Acts 9:10 (NIV)

3. God communicates through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture:**

Now when they [Mary and Joseph] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

Matthew 2:13 (NKJV)

But God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in bed.

Job 33:14-15 (NLT)

4. God communicates through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture:**

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit... And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all... for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit... to another discerning of spirits...

1 Corinthians 12:4, 6, 8, 10b (NKJV)

### Three Ways God Speaks Using Spiritual Gifts

- I. \_\_\_\_\_  
"The right use of knowledge" communicated supernaturally
- II. \_\_\_\_\_  
The supernatural revelation of understanding regarding situations
- III. \_\_\_\_\_  
The supernatural ability to identify error or impure motives

5. God communicates through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture:**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up... The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Jonah 1:1-4, 11-12 (NIV)



## Four Premises of Divine Guidance (Continued)

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### Premise Two:

Divine guidance \_\_\_\_\_ from the dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of man.

**Summary: God speaks from \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Scripture:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you... Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

John 14:16-17, 23 (NIV)

### Premise Three:

Divine guidance must be \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_ and counsel.

**Summary: Expect God to \_\_\_\_\_, but use  
\_\_\_\_\_!**

### Scripture:

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This *is* the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21 (NKJV)

My sheep recognize my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27 (NLT)

## Understanding the Three Voices of Divine Guidance

### Scripture:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you...

James 4:7-8a (NIV)

## The Three Voices of Divine Guidance

1. \_\_\_\_\_ can speak.  
“Submit yourselves... to God.”
2. \_\_\_\_\_ can speak.  
“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
3. \_\_\_\_\_ can speak.  
“Come near to God and he will come near to you...”



### Seven Steps to Discerning the Will of God

**Step One:** Spend a season in \_\_\_\_\_ daily concerning the matter in question until specific \_\_\_\_\_ or direction is received in some manner.

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step Two:** During prayer, spend time actually \_\_\_\_\_ for an inner voice or impression from God concerning the matter in question. Contemplate the \_\_\_\_\_ of your situation. Ponder it carefully.

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step Three:** Study God's \_\_\_\_\_ in reference to your situation. God may impress you to \_\_\_\_\_ to a specific verse or passage of Scripture. Do it!

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step Four:** Seek wise \_\_\_\_\_, whenever possible, from at least \_\_\_\_\_ respected Christians whose lives indicate they have learned to live in God's Word.

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step Five:** Evaluate all that has come to you through God's Word, circumstances, and any inner \_\_\_\_\_. From all of this, \_\_\_\_\_ a prayerful conclusion.

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step Six:** To the best of your ability, commence to carry out the \_\_\_\_\_ necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ God's will or direction for this given situation.

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step Seven:** Don't look back once you begin to \_\_\_\_\_, even if you find yourself in \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances. Remember, Jesus sent His disciples into a storm so that He could later give them a miracle (Matthew 14:22-32).

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Additional Notes and Comments:*

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