

Series: Faith By The Numbers

Title: The 7 Steps of a Good Man: (Ps 37:23-25)

Steps - Plural = Walking - Repeated Steps

Not a Destination to Arrive At,

but a daily life lived for God.

(2 Cor 5:7) *For we walk by Faith, not by sight.*

Let's Dissect (Ps 37:23-25)

23 The steps (or Directions)

of a good man are ordered (mangaged)

by the LORD: (or The Holy Spirit)

and he delighteth in his way. (Course of Life)

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:

I find it encouraging that Good men still falls sometimes.

Everyone Makes Mistakes

Only God is perfect, We are not.

Even though we will have moments of Failure, we are not utterly Cast Down or Cast away.

for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

We serve the only God there is!

God is ready to help us, to hold us up.

(Is 41:10) *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

Key Verse! **25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.**

David knew God was faithful to take care of those who allow Him to manage their direction by the Holy Spirit.

We also see this in...

(Jer 10:23) *O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*

(Prov 4:10-12)

(Prov 16:9) *A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.*

We can try to figure it out on our own, but God knows what we really need to be doing.

(1 Pet 2:21-22) *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*

The holy Spirit will guide us & direct us to live a Christ-like life.

I want to be a good man whose steps are ordered of the Lord.

I want God to delight in my course of life.

How do I achieve that?

We can't do it in the power of the Flesh!

We need to submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

If we implement these 7 steps, the Holy Spirit will have free reign to lead, guide, & direct us.

Even Though we will make mistakes & fall, God will not cast us down or away.

God always proves Himself faithful to “*never leave us or forsake us.*”

Let's Take it One Step At A Time...

Step 1: Be Men/Women of the Book

Read the Bible: (1 Tim 4:13) *Attendance to Reading*

Illus: *God's Word is like an UnOpened Love Letter.*

Illus: *God's Word is like a Road Map:*

(Jn 16:13) The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth.

Give Attendance to Reading~ Show Up For!

Illus: *Eating Yams, Mom tried for years, Sara got me to really try them, now I have an appetite for them.*

We must make ourselves Read it, & the appetite for it will develop to a love & hunger for it.

Study the Bible: (2 Tim 2:15) *Study, Dissect, Define*

We Must Read with a purpose!

We must apply what we read!

Illus: Most Books are written for Information.

The Bible was Written for Transformation.

Is this a Promise, Command, Warning, Principle?

Who is it that is revealing it to you? - Not the devil!

Memorize the Bible: (Ps 119:11 Prv 4:23; De 11:18)

Illus *Our course of life is chosen moment by moment*

Meditate on the Bible: (Ps 1:2-3; Josh 1:8)

Illus: *Flying in a plane, I notice the trees growing along the River are Dense & Greener.*

(Jn 16:13-14*) *Expecting Personal Revelation!*

(Ps 119:9) *Taking Heed!*

We Read so we can Study.

We Study so we can Memorize.

WE Memorize it so we can Meditate!

Step 2: Be Men/Women of Prayer (Matt 6:7-13)

Praise: “*Our Father...as it is in heaven.*”

Needs: “*Give us....Daily Bread.*”

Illus: *We have more faith in Amazon.*

Forgiveness: “*Forgive us...forgive our debtors.*”

Protection: “*Lead us not...deliver us from evil.*”

(Matt 6:5) “*Vain Repititions*” - *Asking w/o Thinking Asking God, Pause 2 listen, Expecting an answer*

Step 3: Be Men/Women of Faith (Heb 11:1)

Our Faith Saves Us: (Eph 2:8)

Our Faith Pleases God: (Heb 11:6)

Our Faith Determines Our Direction: (2 Cor 5:7)

Step 4: Be Men/Women of a Separated Walk 1Jn 2:6

(Prov 13:20) *Companion of Fools*

Lust of the flesh: Controlling Desire to Do.

Lust of the eyes: Compulsive Demand to Have.

Pride of Life: Consuming Drive to Be.
Unyoke: (2 Cor 6:14,17-18) *Divisions & Offenses*
Ministry Partner Vs. Mission Field

Step 5: Be Men/Women w/Compassionate Hearts

(Jude 22) *Compassion, makes the difference.*

Compassion: compound of 2 passions: Love/Sorrow

Step 6: Be Men/Women who Witness (Acts 1:8;

Matt 28:19)

Witness ~ Testify - Makes People Uncomfortable

(John 16:13-14)

Outside Pressure + Inside Pressure = Uncomfortable
(God's leaders/ (Holy Spirit)
(Opportunity to experience His Word)
God's Power)

Uncomfortable + Stepping out by Faith = His Power/
Grace ***Opportunity for Him to comfort us.***

(Col 4:3-6) *"Know how thou ought to answer everyman."*

Step 7: Be Men/Women who are giving (2 Chron
29-12-14)

*Both riches (or, wealth) and honor (or, promotion)
come of thee (of God), and thou reignest (or, are in
charge) over all; and in thine hand is power (or,
authority) and might (or, physical strength); and in*

*thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength (or,
ability) unto all. Now Therefore, our God, we thank thee,
and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what
is my people, that we should be able to offer to
willingly after thine sort? for all things come of thee, and
of thine own have we given thee.*

God is in possession of all these things.

God gives them to us so that we can offer them back to
Him in worship & give to others to minister to them.

Getting & Giving Riches: (Lk 6:38)

Our Giving precedes our Getting.

Our Getting is more abundant than our Giving.

Men will be returning our investment.

What limits our giving, limits our receiving.

(Luke 16:10-14)

*No servant can serve (be the employee of) two
masters: for either he will hate the one, & love the
other or else he will hold to the one & despise the other*

Think Highly of one - Think lowly of the other.

To think highly of God, think lowly of money.

To value highly Money, is to devalue God.

Vs 14 Covetousness causes us to disagree w/this teaching

Getting and Giving Honor: (Prov 15:33; 18:12; 22:4;
29:23) We exercise Humility 1st: (James 4:6,10)

Our Focus is everything.

In Humility, If we focus on those that who are in need of Valuing an respect, we find ourselves thinking more of them an less of ourselves.

Getting and Giving Power:

All power belongs to God (Ps 62:11)

We are powerless without Him (John 15:5)

(Acts 26:18) Turn us from the power of Satan to God

(Ps 106:8) To make His power known.

(Eph 3:20-21) God's Power working in us to benefit others

Getting and Giving Might: Physical Strength

(Is 40:28-31) What does "Wait" Mean?

To Get Might/Physical Strength, we give ours to God

To tithe on our time, is ~ 17hours per week

Give God the Best of our Day. 1 hour each morning.

Give God the Best of our week. SS, AM, PM Wed

Give God the Best of our life. NOW! TODAY!

Getting and Giving Greatness: *"in thine hand to make great"*.

(Phil 2:3-11) That's Success!

Best way to get ahead, is to put others ahead of you.

To Get God to make you great, you must give willingly after this sort.

You must make others great, esteeming them more highly than yourself.

(2 Chron 29-12-14)

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God Made It and It Gives to Us

God made the Sun - It Gives

God made the Moon - It Gives

God made the Stars - It Gives

God made the Air - It Gives

God made the Clouds - It Gives

God made the Earth - It Gives

God made the Seas - It Gives

God made the Trees - They Give

God made the Flowers - They Give

God made the Beasts - They Give

God made the Plants - They Give

God made Man - He Took

Step 1: Be a Man/Women of the Book

Be a Bible Meditator

Step 2: Be a Man/Women of the Prayer

Build a habit of 2 way communication

Step 3: Be a Man/Women of the Faith

Build your Faith

Step 4: Be a Man/Women that lives a Separated Life

Those that do not love God will not help you serve God.

Step 5: Be a Man/Women with a Compassionate Heart.

Step 6: Be a Witness for God.

Step 7: Learn to Give

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