

a particular thing may come before us that is His will we should know at that day. We may happen to open the Bible at random and our eye may hit on something that is just the thing that God wants us to know then. But this is not God's ordinary method of leading. I would say that it is so infrequent a method that we had not better ⁽⁷⁾ look unto God to lead us in that way and think that we can open the Word and simply in that way find what He wants us to do.

Well, what is the right way? We have looked at wrong ways of guidance and yet we know there is such a thing as guidance, because he says in Psalm 32:8, he said, I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go. I will guide thee with mine eye. You notice the emphasis here is not an emphasis upon every step you take. God says, step here, step here, step here. It is not. I will instruct thee and teach thee. God did not desire to make us automatons. He didn't desire that. And sometimes we may wish he had. Sometimes we may think, wouldn't it be wonderful if God hadn't made us so, that he'd press a button and we'd turn this way, he'd press a button and we'd turn thks way, he'd press a button and we'd go here. And there's no problem ever of knowing what God's will is. We would just automatically do what he wants and that would be that. But God does not desire automatons. He desires men. He desires men who love Him and desire to follow His will. He desires men who do His will so well that it was not necessary at every step to say, move here, move there, move there, but that they would understand the principles of His Word and would step of their own accord in accordance with Him. And then not only the 8th verse but the 9th verse, being not as a horse or the mule which have no understanding, whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle. He does not want us to be like the horse, that he gives a jerk this way and a jerk that way, and a little touch this and a touch that way, and that's the way he goes. In His great kindness to us, He may choose to lead us that way. In His great kindness He will send disagreeable experiences into our lives sometimes in order to drive into our minds that which He wants us to have. But He doesn't want to have to do that with His children. He wants us to be such that He can ^{guide} ~~drive~~ us with His eye, that we are instructed, we are taught in the ways which He wants us to travel, that we know the principle of His Word. That we have studied not