

merely a few salvation verses, not merely a few individual verses, but that we have studies His Word from beginning to end, that we are feeding upon His Word, that we are eating^{it} and living by it, that the principles of it are becoming a (9 3/4) ^{habit} of so definitely that in most situations we know what the teaching of the Word is, we know it so well that we are able to say as Paul said, in Galatians 1:8, he says, though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed. Yes, if an angel comes and says do this, and it is contrary to God's will, don't do it. It is not what we think we hear, what we think we need,⁴ but what does God's Word teach in this matter. Jesus Christ did not follow his feeling, he knew well what was ahead of him in Jerusalem. He felt the anguish, the misery of ^{the} His experience He must go through ~~in Jerusalem~~. But we read ^{He} that set His face to go up to Jerusalem. He went forward against what he felt like, because of what God said that He should. Jesus Christ in Gethsamene was so stirred with misery, that as it were drops of blood dropped from His head. He prayed, oh Father if ~~it~~ be thy will that this cup might pass from me, but not my will but thy will be done. Not what I feel like, not what seems to me to be the desirable thing, but what is God's will. He set His face to go there.

Well, then the first step in guidance, the first step is to learn the most vital matter about guidance, which is to follow the principles of the Word and to learn principles from the Word, and when we find what the Word teaches to stand upon it regardless of what any man ~~may say~~ Or what any circumstances may be. Or what we may feel like. If it is what the Word says, we should go forward and we should do it. And the principles of the Word are sufficient to enable us to go forward in most of the activities of our life following Him with His eye upon us.

But how are we going to apply these principles? How are we going to know in any particular situation what God's will is for us there. There there comes a second very vital principle of guidance, and this second principle is this: get rid of the influence of personal desires. This is perhaps the most important thing in guidance, is to get rid of that conscious or sub-conscious feeling that this is the thing that I want to