

“Across the Pastor’s Desk”

GUIDANCE

I. God’s Principles of Guidance

- A. God never guides me to do anything contrary to His Word
(*Jonah 1:1-3*)
- B. Most guidance will come without any particular awareness on my part (*Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:23; Psalm 31:15; Proverbs 20:24; Acts 17:28*)
- C. Receiving guidance is often as simple as looking at the facts and using good common sense - sound judgement (*Acts 15:36; Acts 20:16; Romans 1:10-13; I Corinthians 16:6*)
- D. When special guidance is needed God will use special means
(*Acts 9-10, 16, 18, 22 - Visions; Acts 8, 12, 27 - Angels; Acts 8,9, 23 - Voice of God*)
- E. Guidance flows out of yesterday

F. The Lord’s guidance for me will be unique, relating to my own unique personality

G. The Lord’s guidance is confirmed by others

H. God is more concerned with character than geography

II. God’s Providence in Guidance—Circumstantial

- A. The life of Joseph (*Genesis 50:20*)
- B. Other Biblical examples (*Proverbs 16:9*)

III. God’s Prompting in Guidance

- A. Internal Element (*Acts 13:1-3; Acts 16:6*)
- B. The External Element