

Direct My Steps

Psalm 119:133

Direct my steps by Your word,
And let no iniquity have dominion
over me.

Directions are attractive to some

- Direct: establish, keep, keep steady, make firm, etc.
- Emphasizes desire to stay on course.

Every life goes in one of two directions

Mt.7:13-14

- Decision: enter (conscious choice).
 - Many think they entered right door
 - Deceived by **others** (15-20)
 - Deceived by **themselves** (21-23)
 - Deceived by **appearances** (24-27)

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- Decision:
- Discipline:
 - Narrow: restricted. Mt.3:2
 - Wide: unrestricted.

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Mt.7:13-14

- Decision:
- Discipline:
- Destination:
 - **Destruction:** perdition, not annihilation.
26:8. Eternal loss of well-being...
 - **Life:** only for those who choose it.

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- Decision:
- Discipline:
- Destination:
- Demographics: many . . . few
 - Wolves, 15
 - House, 24-27
- 2 Th.3:5

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I am the only person in the world who can control me

- 136: cannot force others to obey God.
 - Teach
 - Set good example
- 131: Scripture emphasizes focus on self.
 - Jn.21:20-23

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Everyone steps somewhere, in some direction

- 101: request to keep him from wandering.
 - One small step is part of long journey
 - One step can prove fatal.
- Common theme in Bible:
 - Jer.10:23, God's guidance
 - Ro.4:12, Abraham
 - 1 Pt.2:21, ultimate example

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- 104: word arms us against sin.
 - Jn.11, resurrection of Lazarus...
 - Jn.20, resurrection of Jesus...
 - Ac.2, more than 300 verses...
- 105: shows us the way to go.

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- 9: young . . . cleanse way.
- 10: let me not wander...
- 11: hidden in heart. Jer.31:33 . . . Mt.4
- 17: live...keep...word. Not mere knowledge.
- 37: turn away my eyes...vanity. Lk.12
- 42-43: trust in truth
- 74: hoped in Word

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- 89: settled in heaven [stands firm].
 - Mk.6. Compromise?
 - Jn.6. Change message?
- 162: rejoice at . . .

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Explains verse 3

- Iniquity does not characterize the child of God.
 - God's children avoid the first step in the wrong direction.
- Dominion: overpower, lord over, get the upper hand, i.e., dominate and have power or authority over others. Domineer; be master of.
 - Ro.6:9
 - Ro.6:...12-14

Conclusion

- “Either this book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book.”
- “Be killing sin or it will be killing you.”