Shalom, Child of God! The Scriptures instruct us not to neglect encouraging one another daily, as long as “today” lasts (Hebrews 3:13, ESV). So today, I invite you to reflect on an important truth about the Bible.

While meditating on this verse:

> “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” *(Proverbs 14:12, ESV),*
> *I asked myself: What does it mean for a path to* seem *right?*

If a person is a thief, murderer, or corrupt, their conscience often convicts them that their path is wrong (Romans 2:14-15). But what about a path that *appears* right? Such a path is one confirmed by God’s Word. When Scripture affirms what a person is doing, it gives peace and assurance that they are on the right way (Psalm 119:105).

The Bible: Holy, Complete, and Sufficient

The Bible is holy and perfect, fully sufficient for all matters of faith and life. Nothing can be added or taken away from it (Revelation 22:18-19). Yet, the Bible is not only for the perfectly righteous but offers wisdom and guidance to all. Like a fruitful tree bearing many kinds of fruit (Psalm 1:3), the Bible speaks to various needs and spiritual conditions.

This is because the Bible is the very Word of God, the divine Logos who created all things (John 1:1-3). God created both good and evil (Isaiah 45:7) in the world, and the Bible can address every heart according to its desires (Jeremiah 17:9). Satan even tries to misuse Scripture to deceive and destroy, but God’s Word remains powerful and victorious (Matthew 4:1-11).

The Bible’s Many Uses — Both Good and Bad

- Healing and medicine: The bronze serpent lifted by Moses (Numbers 21:8-9), a symbol of healing, is the emblem of the World Health Organization, showing the enduring power of God’s provision.

- Military strategy: Battles in the Bible, such as those led by Joshua (Joshua 6), are studied for wisdom and leadership.

- Politics: Leaders have used biblical principles of justice, leadership, and wisdom to shape nations (Romans 13:1-7).

- Witchcraft and sorcery: Sadly, some misuse the Bible or mimic its symbols for occult purposes (Deuteronomy 18:10-12), misunderstanding the true power of sacrifice and atonement revealed in Scripture.

- Business: Principles like diligence, sowing and reaping, and stewardship are found in Proverbs and applied to achieve success (Proverbs 10:4; 2 Corinthians 9:6).

- False prophets: Many exploit Jesus’ name to perform false miracles and deceive (Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Peter 2:1-3).

Above All, the Bible Gives Eternal Life

The Bible opens many doors—good and bad. Not every path it reveals leads to life. Jesus began His ministry with a call to repentance:

> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” *(Matthew 4:17, ESV)*

Everything He taught was about the Kingdom of God. He warned that life is not measured by possessions:

> “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” *(Luke 12:15, ESV)*

Jesus came to give eternal life (John 10:10), and those who follow Him receive it (John 3:16). Those who reject Him may embrace

parts of Scripture but miss salvation (John 3:18).

Examine Your Path Carefully

Don’t assume your way is right just because it feels right or because some Scriptures seem to support it. Ask yourself: Where is this path leading — eternal life or death? Or uncertainty? (Matthew 7:13-14).

If it leads to death or uncertainty, turn away from it and seek what truly matters: Jesus Christ. As He said:

> “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” *(John 14:6, ESV)*

Embrace this truth for salvation. Don’t be distracted by secondary matters and miss the heart of the Gospel (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Learn to Discern Scripture Rightly

Focus first on the Kingdom of God and righteousness, and God will bring understanding of other things (Matthew 6:33; Luke 16:10). We live in the last days, with Christ's return near (Hebrews 10:25; Revelation 22:20). What state will you be in then? The saddest will not be sinners outside the church but believers who rejected the true Gospel (2 Timothy 3:13).

Beware of False Confidence in Worldly Success

You might say, "Didn't I receive blessings in Jesus' name? Didn't my business prosper? Didn't my prayers open doors?" Yes, but Jesus warned:

> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." *(Matthew 7:21, ESV)*

On Judgment Day, some will hear:

> "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of

> lawlessness.” *(Matthew 7:23, ESV)*

Why? Because they never truly embraced salvation and the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; Romans 8:9).

Final Words

Be cautious of popular paths that *seem* right—even those with a biblical appearance—because many lead to destruction (Proverbs 14:12). Remember, the way to hell is broad and easy; the way to life is narrow and hard (Matthew 7:13-14).

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