

Chapter 1

Let's Set the Stage for this Book.

It's all about the Bible.

(Scripture used in this chapter is from the New American Standard Bible 1995 (NASB).



Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Because the Bible points us to Jesus

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me.



**To Know — Love — Serve — Live for
&
WORSHIP**

What a person believes about Jesus is the most important thing about them. ~A. W. Tozer

THIS BOOK IS A COLLECTION OF
BIBLICALLY-BASED
RESOURCE MATERIALS



Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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II Timothy 2:2
The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.



God's Word is like a road map / a GPS for a person's life and ministry.

Psalm 119:105

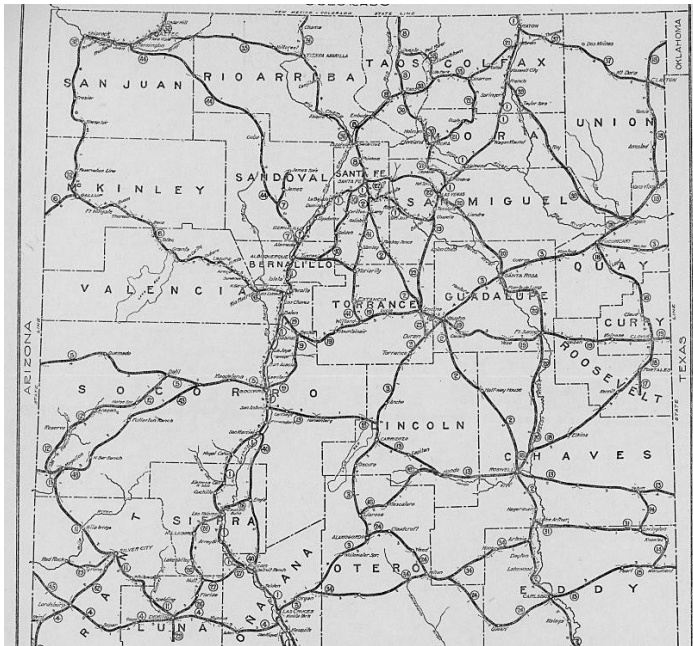
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 16:11a

You (God) will make known to me the path of life.

Isaiah 30:21

Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.



God has not left us alone to navigate blindly through life.

But there is a problem:

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Now here is the solution:

Proverbs 8:32–35

(God is speaking)

Now therefore, O sons, listen to me, for blessed are they who keep my ways.

"Heed instruction and be wise,
And do not neglect it.

"Blessed is the man who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting at my doorposts.

"For he who finds me finds life
And obtains favor from the Lord.

John 10:10 NKJV (Jesus said) I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**As a person follows God's Road Map (the Bible) they need to heed the road signs.
God's Word has the Traffic Signs & Signals that will successfully direct
a person's Life and Ministry.**

Psalms 19:10,11

They (the Words of God) are **more desirable than gold**, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, **by them Your servant is warned;**
In keeping them there is great reward.

Think about it: What happens to those who don't heed Traffic Signs?



My Conviction:

Since the early years in ministry, I have seen the power of the Scriptures, God's Word, in changing lives. First in my own life and then in the lives of many others. Therefore, when I started compiling these ministry resources, I did not want to write theory or speculation as if I could add something to what God has already written or revealed in His Word. Rather, I wanted to basically let God's Word speak for itself and allow the Spirit of God, which inspired the writing of His Word in the first place, to reveal His transforming truth to those who have a tender heart for Him. My prayer is that anyone who meditates on the meaning God purposed in His Word will discover some of the insights I share as well as principles of faith and ministry revealed to them by the Holy Spirit in life-changing ways as well. I have always been convinced that when God changes the life of a person life, He will use that life to change another person's life.

My Purpose:

My hope is that by sharing with you some of the biblical principles of faith and ministry which I learned over the years, you will be inspired and motivated to engage Scripture even more intensely in your own life and hopefully into the lives of others. It is important to pass on what has been of tremendous spiritual value to me personally, and in the years God has given me to serve Him by serving others. Hopefully, you will find something in these pages that will help you to be even more successful in your walk with and service to the Lord.

II Timothy 3:16,17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Isaiah 66:2b

But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Deuteronomy 32:47a

For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life.

1 Timothy 4:7b–9

Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

Isaiah 30:18

Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

The Bible

“This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are unchangeable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to nourish you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter. Here, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our redemption its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its contents. *It is the door to abundant Life; the way to genuine Liberty, and the revelation of God’s Love. It guarantees wisdom, success and satisfaction. It is practical for every generation and what a person does with it will determine their destiny.*

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