



Directional Essentials  
Proverbs 16:9  
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Daniel Boone:

"I have never been lost a day in my life; however, I have been bewildered once for three days and three nights."

What Does GPS Mean and Stand For?

The term GPS means Global Positioning System. A space-based satellite navigation system that provides location and time information in all weather conditions, anywhere on or near the Earth, where there is an unobstructed line of sight to four or more GPS satellites.

*Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV) A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.*

*Proverbs 16:9 (ESV) The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.*

*Proverbs 16:9 (The Message) We plan the way we want to live, but only GOD makes us able to live it.*

God's plan and direction for life's decisions:

I. Admit You Need God's Direction

*Proverbs 16:9a (NKJV) A man's heart plans his way...*

II. Ask for God's Direction

*Proverbs 16:9b (NKJV) ...but the LORD directs his steps.*

Four ways God speaks and gives us direction:

1. By using biblical counsel

Takeaway:

The Bible isn't just a "good book," it is our "guidebook."

2. By our time in prayer

*Acts 8:29-31 (NKJV) The Spirit told Phillip, "Go to that Chariot and stay near it."*

*Acts 9:10-19 (NKJV) Ananias was led to pray for Saul after the encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus.*

3. By talking with wise people

*Proverbs 15:22 (ESV) Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.*

*Proverbs 23:9 (NKJV) Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.*

*Proverbs 26:4 (NKJV) Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.*

4. By spiritual prompting

*John 16:13 (ESV) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, **and he will declare to you the things that are to come.***