

What Is Your Way?

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Mark 10:51-52, "And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Free to go his way, he choose to follow Jesus. What is your way?

I think of the ten lepers who were cleansed. Nine went their way and we don't hear of them again, but one returned to Jesus. He returned to give praise to the Lord for his healing. In the scriptures there are many who are found in the temple, or following after Jesus. Some, like the nine lepers, take the blessing and go their way. They seem to feel that they received what they wanted and had no more need for the Lord. We see some like that

today, they may come to church, make a profession of faith, be baptized and then they disappear. They went their way and some of them won't seem to think of the Lord until they have another problem.

Some people want the blessings of God, but not his leading of their lives. Refusing to submit to God they live as they wish until there is a problem, then they think, at least for awhile, of the Lord. If a person knows the Word of God then he will know that that is a very dangerous attitude to have. In **Galatians 6:7** we read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." To seek the blessings of God, but not God, is a path that will lead to tragedy.

Those in the gospels who were blessed and then followed Jesus in the way made a great choice. They chose to walk in the light of God's Word. The Lord had healed them and they were truly thankful and showed it by the life they lived from then on. It is not enough to say thanks and then to go

our separate ways. If someone is really thankful it will be seen in the life that he lives.

If we are willing to take a honest look at ourselves, we can see that the way we walked before we came to Jesus was the wrong way. It was a path that led to death and separation from God. A person may say, "I didn't do any bad sins," and they may be right, but just to be without the Lord is to be lost. A good person who doesn't know the Lord and live in faith for him is still a person who is lost.

You can live your life your way, or you can live your life for the Lord. It's your choice and no one can make that decision for you. By the world's standards your way might be pretty good, but how does God see it? Man was not created to live for himself, but to walk with God. Have you ever noticed how many live for themselves here until they are dying, then all of a sudden they think of God. Think of him now and make the choice to live for him. Let God's way be your way and you'll never regret it.

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