

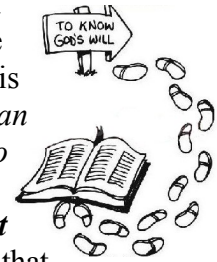
Lesson 6

# DISCIPLESHIP

## Finding Your Way



When you begin your life with Jesus it seems like so many things are new, and maybe even a bit confusing. The best way to go from where you are to where you should be is to follow God's 'road map'. King David said in one of his psalms (a Bible book full of inspiring words), "*Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?*" He then answered his own question, "*By taking heed thereto according to thy word.*" (Psalms 119:9) To assure his own success, David



made this commitment, "*Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.*"(v.11) David wisely knew that

God's word is a "*lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path*" (v.105) In its pages are all the things we need to know to get from here to heaven! Let's just say that the letters B-I-B-L-E stand for **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth. It's your 'owners manual' on what to do if things are running rough, and your 'tool box' for you to do some of the 'fixing' (God will get the rest!!)

Read 2Timothy 3:16,17. Paul begins by telling us that the Bible is actually God's own words ("inspiration" means literally 'God breathed'.) He finishes by declaring it makes us complete (that's the meaning of the word "perfect" here.) But in the middle, Paul explains how the Bible works in our life - to point us in the right direction, tell us when we've made a wrong turn, explain why it's 'wrong', then encourages us to continue on (doing it right this time!)

### Doctrine

This is the way to go

### Instruction

This is how you do it right



### Reproof

Nope - that's not it!

### Correction

You need to be over there

Some church folk today don't like the word "doctrine". They even say, "We don't teach doctrines, just Jesus". But every thing you believe is a 'doctrine' - who Jesus is, what he did for us on the cross, everything! Just make sure your 'doctrine' is found in the Bible!!

Finally, though Jesus said, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*" (Luke 4:4) we need to 'feed first' on what our spirit may 'need first'. If you are just starting out (scripture calls you a "babe in Christ") you should "*desire the sincere milk of the Word.*" (read 1Pe 2:2) Learn about Jesus (Luke is a good place), and how the early believers did it (Acts of the Apostles - also written by Luke.) Then some basics on Christian living (James & Philippians are great!) After that, the New Testament completely before the rest of the Bible (though the Psalms, at any time, will be a source of comfort and encouragement.)

A good plan for daily reading is five chapters a day! Find a time and quiet place that works for you. But however you do it, try to read and pray every single day!!



Five chapters every day

Start With Luke, Acts. James, Philippians



Write down notes of the things God teaches you

Memorize: Psalms 119:11 and 1Peter 2:2 Remember that B.I.B.L.E. stands for "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth"