

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Psalm 32:8-9 (NIV)

Know It All

I have learned my lesson. **What lesson have you learned?** I have learned how foolish it is to pridefully and stubbornly fail to accept your guidance. **How have you learned this lesson?** I have taken so many missteps. I have made so many mistakes. I have wasted time and talent and resources. I have wasted so much energy going off in a dozen different unfruitful directions. Each lesson, I will tell you, has not been pain free. Being stubborn and filled with pride can leave a person weary and worn out and bruised and broken. I have experienced it all, and then some. **I'm sure it seems that way to you.** You don't think so? **Some never reach the end of themselves and learn to come to humbly ask me for help. You are here now. You have realized your mistakes. You are admitting your sin.** Yes, I am, without a doubt. Now I see that I was like a stubborn mule. I was not willing to be led by you. **But now you are.** Yes, I am. **That is very good.**

Tell me what more you have learned? I have learned that nothing is more dangerous than to think one "knows it all". A "know it all", will never receive advice or accept counsel. A "know it all", cannot be warned. A thousand people could see a "know it all" headed for a cliff. Not one person could help the "know it all" avoid disaster. The "know it all" would not hear a thousand voices in unison shouting, "watch out, stop, don't take another step." Only later, after the disaster might a "know it all" say, "Why didn't you warn me?" Then there may be hope for the "know it all". That was me. I was like a "know it all" after a disaster. The only difference is that it took my going over many cliffs and experiencing many disasters to understand that I did not "know it all". Then I was willing to humbly ask you for your help. Then I was willing to accept your instruction and receive your guidance. Now I know that I know very little and that I desperately need your help. So, every day I will come to you to ask to guide me. I will make no plan or take no action without asking for you to direct my steps. **You have learned a valuable lesson.** Yes, I have. I will place all my trust in you. **That is very good.**

Lord, I will not be like a stubborn horse or mule that resists guidance. I will not reluctantly submit myself to your leadership. Instead, I will listen attentively to you. I will receive your counsel. I will humbly and willingly follow you. I will joyfully do what you ask me. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *The Way You Should Go*

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NIV Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *The Best Pathway For Your Life*

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."

NLT Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *The Way You Should Go*

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

NRSV Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *The Way You Should Go*

I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Be not like the horse or the mule, which lack understanding, which must have their mouths held firm with bit and bridle, or else they will not come with you.

AMP Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *The Way Which You Should Go*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, Otherwise they will not come near to you.

NASB Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *The Way You Should Go*

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ESV Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *The Way You Should Go*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

NKJV Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *Give You Some Good Advice*

Let me give you some good advice; I'm looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight: "Don't be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track."

MSG Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *The Best Pathway For Your Life*

I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line!

TLB Psalm 32:8-9

Becoming Like Christ *Show You Where To Go*

The LORD says, "I will make you wise and show you where to go. I will guide you and watch over you. So don't be like a horse or donkey, that doesn't understand. They must be led with bits and reins, or they will not come near you."

NCV Psalm 32:8-9

The Way You Should Go

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Psalm 32:8-9

In Context: *Read Psalm 32*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What sources of guidance, other than from the Lord, have you sometimes followed?

When has following guidance, other than from the Lord, led you down the wrong path?

When have you stubbornly refused to receive guidance the Lord wanted to give you?

Why will humility be required if you want to receive guidance the Lord wants to give you?

How are you humbly allowing the Lord to give you His guidance as you follow Him?

How has God used His word to help give you His guidance?

When has the Holy Spirit given you guidance you desperately needed?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Humbly allow the Lord to give you His guidance as you follow Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will give you His guidance as you humbly follow Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has guided your life as you have humbly followed Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you humbly receive and follow guidance the Lord wants to give to you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will humbly receive and follow the guidance you want to give to me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I receive and follow your guidance today?
