

I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps. Jeremiah 10:23 (NIV)

Director

I know that you are the director of my life. I know that everything good that I am, have or hope to be, has, or will come from you. You have given me many good gifts. You have drawn me to yourself. You have given me grace. You have forgiven my sins. You have cleansed my unrighteousness. You have adopted me into your family and made me to be your child. You have allowed me to taste of your kindness, mercy, and love. You have made it so I can live in an intimate relationship with you. You have withheld no good thing from me. I am most happy that you have set me on fire to want to love, follow, and serve you. You have given me gifts and talents and abilities with which I can bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, I have done all of these things for you.** For that, I am thankful beyond measure. **That is very good.**

What else do you want? I want everything. **What do you mean by that?** I want to receive everything that you want to give me. I want to know you. I want to walk in your ways. I want to fully live the life you have called me to live. I want to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. I want to discover and use all the gift and talents and abilities you have given to me. I want to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom. I want you to do in and through me what I could not even think or imagine so I can shine brightly as your witness in the world. **All these are very good desires.** I know. **How so?** They come from you. **Yes, they do.**

Is there one very specific thing that you would like to receive from me? Yes, there is one specific thing I want you to do with me. **What's that?** I want you to make me to be a man of prayer. I want to live my life in a constant dialogue with you. I want to hear your voice. I want to receive your instruction. I want to follow your guidance. I want you to teach me how to pray. How is that for being specific? **That is very specific. You have asked for something that it will be my delight to hear and answer. Keep on drawing near to me and I will teach you how to pray. I will speak to you. I will guard and guide your life. I will lead you to where I want you to go. I will give you what I want you to do. You will live your life in a constant dialogue of prayer with me. How is that?** That is beyond what I could ask for or imagine. **Yes, it is.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I have taken missteps in life. Frequently, I have followed my own instruction and relied on my own guidance. What a mistake that has been. You are the leader of my life. I will follow you to where you lead me so I will be able to do what you ask of me. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Not His Own*

I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.

NIV Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Not In Himself*

I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.

ESV Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Not Our Own*

I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course.

NLT Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Not In Himself*

O LORD, I know the way of man *is* not in himself; *It is* not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

NKJV Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Not In Their Control*

I know, O LORD, that the way of human beings is not in their control, that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps. Jeremiah 10:23 (NRSV)

NRSV Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Can't Run Their Own Lives*

I know, GOD, that mere mortals can't run their own lives, That men and women don't have what it takes to take charge of life. Jeremiah 10:23 (MSG)

MSG Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Not In Himself*

O Lord [pleads Jeremiah in the name of the people], I know that [the determination of] the way of a man is not in himself; it is not in man [even in a strong man or in a man at his best] to direct his [own]

AMP Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Not Within The Power Of Man*

O Lord, I know it is not within the power of man to map his life and plan his course

TLB Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Not In Himself*

I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

NASB Jeremiah 10:23

Becoming Like Christ *Doesn't Really Belong To Him*

LORD, I know that a person's life doesn't really belong to him. No one can control his own life.

NCV Jeremiah 10:23

Not His Own

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Jeremiah 10:23

In Context: Read Jeremiah 10

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)*

When have you attempted to direct your steps without consulting with the Lord?

Why is it a mistake to try to direct your steps without consulting with the Lord?

Where have you foolishly gone because you tried to direct your steps without consulting with the Lord?

Why would you rather follow the Lord’s guidance than your own?

What has the Lord used to correct the missteps that you have taken in life?

How are you consulting with the Lord so you will be able to follow Him to where He leads you?

How is every good thing you are, have, and hope to be a result of God working in and through your life?

Living It Out:

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

Follow the Lord to where He wants to lead you so you will be able to do what He asks of you.

Seeing It Happen:

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

Have faith that the Lord will guide your steps as you follow Him.

Get Ready To Share:

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are following the Lord to where He wants to lead you.

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 and thankfully acknowledge that the Lord is the director of your life.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I humbly and thankfully acknowledge that you are the director of my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I humbly and thankfully follow you as you direct my life today?
