

Application of Mechanics; Discerning Danger

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Your prayer may ask for divine guidance regarding what you are to think, where you are supposed to be, and what you are to do. Guidance is offered through the analysis of circumstances in light of what you know, i.e., the use of doctrine to rationally interpret outside exigencies. You may not completely understand certain circumstances at first but you must remember them for future reference.

The next area of guidance is the Word of God with emphasis on imperative moods.

You never think, say, or do anything which is prohibited by Scripture while you always strive to accomplish the positive mandates. You may not understand what a certain command means to you personally, but you must remember it so that after further information is gathered it can contribute to your divine guidance.

Always be alert to Providential Circumstances—events that occur which seemingly have nothing to do with your dilemma but which later becomes very pertinent. The leadership of the Holy Spirit will often steer you in a certain direction, a sort of intuition based on accumulated information to that point.

As events begin to accumulate, you analyzed each one doctrinally and compare them with stored data. This leads to recall of associated memory traces which bring into focus what God wants you to think, where He wants you to be, and what He wants you to do.

If you were a pioneer on the Santa Fé Trail, you would have learned by experience not to camp on the near side of a river. The old bromide, “*Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today,*” is summarized in:

Proverbs 27:1 - Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

Gregg, Josiah. Commerce of the Prairies. Edited by Max L. Moorhead. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1954, page 42ff:

We camped at Ash Creek, where we again experienced sundry alarms in consequence of 'Indian sign,' that was discovered in the creek valley, such as extinguished fires, about which were found some old moccasins ... These constant alarms serve to keep one constantly on the alert, and to sharpen those faculties of observation which would otherwise become blunted or inactive.

Life on the prairies required a person to take full responsibility for his own survival. This caused a person to become very observant of his surroundings and to build an inventory of vectors which would serve to alert him to danger.

In the Angelic Conflict, we are to learn from experience in dealing with circumstances and people. Just as the pioneer was alert to the signs of danger on the trail, so the believer must be alert to the signs of danger in his daily walk.

Wheel-tracks of righteousness, fully facilitated throughout the neural network, provide the wisdom necessary to discern the dangers of the day.

Proverbs 2:6 - The Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth [Scripture] come knowledge and understanding [Grace Apparatus for Perception].

Proverbs 2:7 - He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield for those who walk in integrity [behavior pattern of the CWL],

Proverbs 2:8 - guarding the paths [**'orah: lifestyle**] of justice; and He preserves the way [**derek: wheel-tracks**] of the godly ones [veracity, immutability].

Proverbs 2:9 - Then you will discern righteousness and justice and equity and every good course [**ma'gal: behavior pattern**].

Proverbs 2:10 - For wisdom will enter your heart [**leb: stream of consciousness**] and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

Proverbs 2:11 - discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you,

Proverbs 2:12 - to deliver you from the way [**derek: wheel-tracks**] of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things;

Proverbs 2:13 - from those who leave the paths [**'orah: lifestyle**] of uprightness, to walk in the ways [**derek: wheel-tracks**] of darkness;

Proverbs 2:14 - who delight in doing evil and rejoice in the perversity of evil;

Proverbs 2:15 - whose paths [**'orah: lifestyles**] are crooked and who are devious in their ways [**ma'gal: behavior patterns**].