



Imagine having only a flashlight to follow a narrow path in complete darkness in order to reach a safe cabin. How would we use that light to get us safely to our destination? Obviously, we would constantly shed the light to our feet to make sure we don't trip over obstacles on the ground and protect ourselves from falling. As well, we would alternatively direct our light down the path to follow, making sure we stay on it and don't find ourselves going in the wrong direction.

Psalms 119:105 says, "Your word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." God's Word is referred to as both a lamp and a light. How is that to work for us to follow His path towards our eternal destination? Proverbs 6:23 says, "For the commandment *is* a lamp, and the law a light; reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life."

In essence, God's only destination is His eternal presence through Christ, the Light of the world. Therefore, following God's path involves the command to follow Christ's teachings, His Word. The reason why, as God's children, we need constant instruction in the Word, and that God sometimes must discipline us to ensure we stay on the proper path to God.

How's our spiritual lamp and light working for us right now?

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God's Word has a way to show us a clear picture of where we're at in our walk with the Lord. In essence, God's Word has for purpose to instruct us, show us the clear path to follow towards our destination of eternal life with God, and shines a strong spotlight to our hearts if we're headed in the wrong direction.

Psalm 119:130 says, "The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple." The word "simple" here refers to those whose heart is surrendered to God, and whose mind is focused on following God's will and Word. There are also most wonderful blessings from receiving God's direction for our lives as we walk by faith, taking the path of righteousness of God's Word.

As we faithfully seek God and follow His path of righteousness for us, we experience enormous joy and peace through the revelation of God's glory we get from the Holy Spirit. That's why Psalm 119:18 says, "Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law."

In other words, as we seek God, our eyes are opened to contemplate and enjoy God's greatness in His righteousness, holiness and the peace and joy that ensue in our hearts as a result. How's our spiritual vision right now?

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