Would that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes. Psalm 118:05

1. Blessed are the blameless in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. 2. Blessed are they that search out His testimonies; with their whole heart shall they seek after Him. 3. For they that work iniquity have not walked in His ways. 4. Thou hast enjoined Thy commandments, that we should keep them most diligently. 5. Would that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes. 6. Then shall I not be ashamed, when I look on all Thy commandments. 7. I will confess Thee with uprightness of heart, when I have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness. 8.I will keep thy statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

First octave Vs 1-8 - All vs begin with "Aleph" - leader, or science Principles of a God-pleasing life.

1-3 degrees of attainment of perfection

4-5 productive powers of such a life

6-8 conditions necessary for such a life.

Synergy. God in man needs man to try and God to help. Without both - no good happens.

Would - a "wish". How does a man with faith "wish"? - Always combined with action.

Is this your deepest, most fervent desire, or are you distracted by other priorities?

God will answer. - Lately he is waking me up. I have asked for help, He is giving it - GET UP!

"my ways" - the things I do, value, think about. THE POINT IS TO CHANGE THEM TO "HIS WAYS"

We cannot ask for our "ways" to be changed and not be actively trying to change!

Do not be afraid of sin, be afraid of not repenting.

To not repent is more than just not changing a particular sin - it is not changing the things that lead up to that sin.

- Sexual sin. No bad movies, pornography, coarse jokes, stupid TV shows, pray, fast (of course), get up early enough to get to church on time. All this to repent of sexual sin.
- Slander, gossip, remembering wrongs. pray for the person, fast for them, make yourself be kind to them.
- Wanting to pray better GET UP when the Lord wakes you up!

Job 21:7-14 Wherefore do the ungodly live, and grow old even in wealth? (8) Their seed is according to their desire, and their children are in their sight. (9) Their houses are prosperous, neither have they any where cause for fear, neither is there a scourge from the Lord upon them. (10) Their cow does not cast her calf, and their beast with young is safe, and does not miscarry. (11) And they remain as an unfailing flock, and their children play before them, taking up the psaltery and harp; (12) and they rejoice at the voice of a song. (13) And they spend their days in wealth, and fall asleep in the rest of the grave. (14) Yet such a man says to the Lord, Depart from me; I desire not to know thy ways.

Psa 39:1 . I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I set a guard on my mouth, while the sinner stood in my presence.

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