

Course Title: DETOURS~ OF SOUL AND SPIRIT

Goal of This Lesson: Understand the cause and effect that spiritual detours have in our lives.

Note: This lesson contains important principles, especially for those who really want to understand biblical doctrine. These lessons go hand-in-hand with prayer and revelation.

If we are not careful we will allow guilt to affect our life even though we have been forgiven. Such feelings will affect your spiritual growth. We need to understand God's forgiveness and what happens when one is forgiven by God.

Reading Assignments: Please Read the Following Passages

(Joshua 1:3 NKJV) "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

(Joshua 1:5 NKJV) "No man shall [be able to] stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, [so] I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

(Joshua 1:7 NKJV) "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go"

Moses Had Recently Died. Joshua has been given Moses' Mantle of leading God's people. The Israelites had just completed 40 years in the wilderness because of their "unbelief".

Reading Assignment: Hebrews 3:17-19 (NLT)

"And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom was God speaking when He took an oath that they would never enter His rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed Him? ¹⁹ So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter His rest."

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a detour is a deviation or departure from a direct course or the usual procedure.

Although, many times, God will have to provide alternate routes for us to arrive at His preferred destination for our lives; it is His desire that we stay on course without any detours!

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(1 Timothy 4:2-8 ESV) through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

(2Ti 4:8 ESV) Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

According to the scriptures, God has a specific path for all of our lives!

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In Proverbs 20:24 (EXB)... King Solomon stated... “the Lord decides what a person will do [the steps of a person]; no one understands what his life is all about [how can people understand their path?].”

David said in Psalm 37:23 (NLT) “The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.”

In order to avoid detours, three things need to happen:

We must **HAVE THE CORRECT INFORMATION**. The bible is our Google maps.

- Notice that the Old Testament is similar to traditional paper maps.
- But the New Testament is like the most cutting-edge satellite maps!

The psalmist said in Psalm 119:105 (EXB) “Your Word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my path [It shows how life should be lived].”

Author C.S. Lewis said “One road leads home and a thousand roads lead into the wilderness.”

In the opening text of our scripture, the Lord said to Joshua “I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you...No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live.’”

We will start to avoid detours once we establish that the Bible is God's Word and it contains the correct information for avoiding detours!

We must **TRUST THE CORRECT INFORMATION**. We must *Trust the Bible*!

In verse 5 of our opening scripture text... the Lord declared... "For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or forsake you."

In other words, the Lord is saying, "You have to trust me or take my word for it"!

Always keep in mind what the bible says in Numbers 23:19 (NLT)... "God is not a man, so He does not lie. He is not human, so He does not change His mind. Has He ever spoken and failed to act? Has He ever promised and not carried it through?"

In Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)... Solomon stated, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."

- Always remember that trusting the correct information is vital to avoiding detours in our lives!

We must **ACT ON THE CORRECT INFORMATION**.

In Verse 7 of our opening scripture text, the Lord told Joshua... "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do."

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James 1:22-25 (AMPC) ²² "But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves. ²³ For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience)."

CONCLUSION

Never forget that we can have all of the right directions... but if we don't follow the correct information, we will not arrive at the time appointed (if you don't believe me... ask the five foolish virgins)!

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Take your time to review the lesson before you provide your answers.

1. According to the lesson, and based on Joshua 1:3, 5, 7, what was the message that the Lord was telling Joshua?

2. According to the lesson, how long were the Israelites in the wilderness, and what was the reason for staying there so long?

3. According to the lesson, what is the definition of the word “detour”?

4. According to the lesson, what kind of path does the Lord have for us?

5. According to the lesson, Psalm 119:105 (EXB) states: “Your Word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my path”. What does it show?

6. According to the lesson, what are the three things that need to happen in order to avoid spiritual detours?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

7. According to the lesson, sometimes the Lord will provide alternate routes in order for us to arrive at His ____ destination.

Please select the best answer below:

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|-------------|---------------|
| A. pampered | E. preferred |
| B. posh | F. posthumous |
| C. posted | |
| D. peculiar | |

8. According to the lesson, what must we do with correct information? _____

Please select the best answer below:

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| A. Tell it | C. Plead with it |
| B. Share it | D. Act on it |

9. According to Proverbs 20, what does the Lord decide about us?

Please circle the best answer below:

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| A. How much money we make | C. Our attitude |
| B. What we do | D. Where we work |

10. According to the lesson, it describes the Old Testament is like old traditional paper maps. What is the New Testament like? Please circle the best answer:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| A. Like a new born baby | C. the new iPhone |
| B. cutting-edge satellite maps | D. a race car |

11. According to the Lesson, the Lord promised "I will not leave you or _____ you".

12. According to the lesson, "To trust in the Lord" is found in what verse in the verse of the Bible? _____.

Congratulations on completing this lesson. While some lessons may seem harder than others, you must always study to show yourself approved unto God, and reveal to others, what God has given you.

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ANSWER SHEET

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1. stay on course without any detours
2. 40 years, Unbelief
3. deviation or departure from a direct course or the usual procedure
4. specific path
5. how life should be lived
6. 1) Have the correct information 2) Trust the correct information 3) Act on the correct information
7. E) Preferred
8. D) Act on it
9. B) What we do
10. B) cutting-edge satellite maps
11. forsake
12. Proverbs 3:5

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