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Teach Me Thy Way  
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Text: Psalms 127:1-2. "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies." I believe there is a divine standard for human life and that standard is personal Christianism.

Introduction: Centuries ago a man of another race, living far on the other side of the world prayed, "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path." How can a person know the way of the Lord? How does he know what is right and when he is doing right? There is a wide difference of opinion as to what things are right and what things are wrong. How can a person know? Is there an eternal set of values? Is there a divine standard for living?

Paul told King Agrippa he was "not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." When Moses was instructed to build a tabernacle, he was commanded to construct it after a heavenly pattern. Complete and full details were given him by divine revelation. In the new Testament the writers of the Book of Hebrews speaks of "patterns, or copies of things in the heavens." Is it true, that earthly efforts at goodness, are but the human imitations of a divinely established heavenly pattern? If there is a wise pattern of conduct and attitude for us, where is it and what is it? I believe there is such a way! The first way;

I believe, is the Way of Principle. The Bible teaches that there is a divine standard for human life and that standard is personal Christlikeness. As the children of God, we are a part of a great and orderly universe, universe in which a divine purpose has been evidenced from the beginning. Our universe, that which we now inhabit, speaks everywhere of order, not of disorder. All true progress is based upon this revelation. There could be no progress in scientific investigation unless there were such an underlying order. God seems to have set up certain "constants" upon which we may always rely in any investigation.

There are constants in the moral realm also. Honesty is one of these constants. A dishonest person cannot at the same time be a good person. There is no sound basis for bargaining with a dishonest person. A treaty or an agreement with a dishonest dishonest person or nation is not worth the paper it is written on.

The way of Right is the way of experience. You perhaps remember that in high school, when we took jars of marbles, of all sizes, and shook them up, the big marbles always came to the top. So, in the experience of our human race, the things which are best for man keep on asserting themselves. Every act and attitude of man, all down through the ages has had to face its own judgments, has been weighed in the balances of ultimate truth.

A quarter of a century ago a certain juvenile judge in a western state was advocating what he called "trial marriage". The way of experience

would have told this judge that his theory would fail. Likewise, Hitler should have known that his "superior race" was a theory destined to defeat. This is true of any bad attitude or sin. Greed turns upon the man who harbors it, and makes a slave of him. Envy is an imp that chases out peace. Lust may easily destroy both the soul and body. Dishonesty and deceit are also the very things that hang a man.

You do not need to read the Bible to prove these points. If a man trifles with the laws of gravitation, he does so at his own risk. If you are the one who is neglecting the laws of health, you are doing so at your own risk. If you are holding a bad attitude, you are doing so at your own risk. There are fundamental laws in the universe which declare that one will certainly pay for these deliberate departures from the proven standards.

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policeman. The one who has fear is the one who  
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