

## Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.***

Today's verse is a very popular verse. In fact, as you were reading it, you probably stopped reading it and quoted it from memory, because it is that popular. People have it written on their coffee cups, and on tumblers that hold their water or drinks. They have it framed and hanging on the wall in their homes or on their desk. Which are all good things, because it is a very wonderful Proverb.

But look at verse 6 again, which is the second half of this proverb.

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Focusing on "***In all thy ways acknowledge Him***" with the ***Him*** obviously being **God**. And don't we want God to direct our path each day. Don't we want His direction to have a good and prosperous day, a day full of good things and to be able to be a good influence on others? So if we want that, can we truly "***acknowledge Him***" in ALL our ways. Or think of it as in all the things we do each day.

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" when we are telling lies?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" when we are having bad thoughts towards others and gossiping about others?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" looking at pornography.

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" with the music we listen to?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" by the places we go to or the people we hang out with?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" by the things we watch, or the video games we play?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" with the text messages we send, and who we are texting?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" with the conversations we have with others?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" by spending hours looking at our phones, usually looking at worthless things?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" when we make reading His word a priority every day?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" when we spend time in pray for the needs of others and not our own?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" with our tithes and offerings and going above and beyond by helping others?

Can we "***acknowledge Him***" with our thoughts, which are pure or sinful?

I don't think I need to go on, because we all have things we do throughout the day, beyond our normal jobs or everyday life. Because reading through the list I just gave, we read that it's those little things that we do and say and think throughout the day that define us. But we think our

main thing that we do defines us, like our jobs, or maybe you're a student in school or a housewife. That does not define us, because people are more affected by those little things we do, or don't do, that to us may be small, but to them it may mean the world. It's those little things that define us, because they're the little things that people remember about us. Think about it, if we are lying, then that affects so many others around us and it helps define us someone who is untrustworthy, and is God glorified when we lie? Is God glorified when we go to those sites or watch those videos or yell at others or judge others or....

So, let's examine our hearts and seek the Lord to make sure that every single thing we do, every thought we think, every action we perform, or don't perform, brings glory to Him, therefore we can truly say, "**In all my ways I shall acknowledge Him, and He shall direct my path.**"

- † **Jeremiah 17:10 (NLT2) *"But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."***
- † **Psalm 119:133 *Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.***
- † **Jeremiah 10:23-24 *O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. O LORD, correct me, but with justice; Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.***