

Let Jesus lead.



TO BE SUCCESSFUL FOR THE LORD, we have to stay close to Him and make sure we're in His will. There's a sure and simple formula for that: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5–6).

We can't even do things that seem good and reasonable unless we're sure they're what the Lord wants. If we're leaning to our own understanding and forgetting to acknowledge Him, if we're not listening to the voice of His Spirit and letting Him lead and guide us every moment, then we're apt to get sidetracked or step into one of the Devil's traps. We can't guard ourselves from everything, but we can stay so close to Jesus that we are always in the charmed circle of His blessing and protection. "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:21).

(Prayer:) Thank You, Jesus, for being our ever-present companion and coworker—the best help that we could ever ask for! Help us to do our part, to be sensitive to Your voice and to follow it. Then we can act in full faith and You'll be able to bless and use us to the full. Amen.