

# Divinely Blessed & Restored

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and  
He shall direct your paths

Proverbs 3:6NKJV

## Slow Your Pace<sup>©</sup>

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*Happy New Year!* As we embark upon a new year, a fresh season of life, I invite you to position yourself to receive God's guidance. The American Collegiate Dictionary defines guidance as "direction, leadership, direction in any course or action". In 2009, why not begin valuing God's guidance in your life as never before? There is no greater guide along life's journey than God and there is no better roadmap along the highway of life than the Holy Bible. When we study His Word, we will see the world through His eyes as He gives us guidance, wisdom and perspective.

Sounds simple enough, right? *Wrong!* In our busyness, it seems we are challenged in slowing our pace enough to allow God into the driver's seat of our life. As Stuart Briscoe stated, "God will prove to you how good and acceptable and perfect His will is when He's got His hands on the steering wheel of your life".

I don't know about you, but I want that type of guidance in my life. Just as the best directions are obtained prior to embarking on your journey when traveling in the natural, the same applies on our spiritual journey. God doesn't want to compete with the rush hour traffic in our life. He waits for us to "pull over"; when He knows that He has our undivided attention.

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I challenge you to slow your pace, to "pull over" and allow God to steer your life. Make it a priority daily to have private time with God in prayer and meditation. Time where you bring your thoughts, your desires, and your concerns to Him and allow Him to guide you on your journey. His direction will come to you as you sit still before Him.

As you begin to fill-in your daily planner, commit today to make God first on the list - not last. As Charles Swindoll stated, "Make a plan now to keep a daily appointment with God. The enemy is going to tell you to set it aside, but you must carve out the time. If you're too busy to meet with the Lord, friend, then you are simply too busy." *Slow your pace!! Get your appointment book – I've got mine!!!*

## HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST?

Our purpose in this article and daily scriptures is to encourage a heart-to-heart relationship with God. If you do not know God in a personal way, we invite you to make the first step today to receive God's love and the salvation that only Jesus Christ can give. Here are five steps you can take to receive salvation:

1. Recognize you are a sinner and need salvation. The Bible tells us "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
2. Repent of your sins. Sin separates us from God. By confessing your sins and turning from them you are forgiven. The Bible says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).
3. Believe in Jesus. God sent His Son to die so that He could pay for all our sins. The Bible says: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life: (John 3:16).
4. Receive His Salvation. Jesus Christ is a gift you must receive and welcome to live in your heart. He promises: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God: (John 1:12).
5. Confess your belief verbally. The Bible assures "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved: (Rom. 10:9).

You now have been born again! Tell some else your good news and connect yourself with a church home as soon as possible. God Bless and Keep You!

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Meet and Discuss: The Atonement Child  
by: Francine Rivers

December 4, 2008 – January 22, 2009  
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