

Navigating Our True North



No one gets to their destination if they do not have their bearings right. Finding our way or checking if we are still heading towards our destination is maintained if we regularly check our bearings and we know where our North is. The other bearings will be of no use if we do not set our true North first in our compasses. Sights can be deceiving, the shiftiness of the ocean current will regularly throw a boat off course and wave after wave will pummel a ship to veer away from the direction we are heading and winds gentle and strong can likewise change our bearings. The same constant movements and deceiving sights can push our lives constantly away from where we should be going and that is why we need to consult God's Word regularly to determine what is right and what is wrong in our surroundings and know constantly where we are heading.

We face a different world right now from the previous years that we have known it. Technology has changed and made information spread rapidly, culture has evolved and modernism has made everyone think differently and the tendency is to do away with previously held practices and truths that made decisions easier to make in the past. Post modernism has crept into the church and the practices of the world have also entered the church...and the church adjusting or changing in order to be relevant. But that means watering down God's Word and in the process doing away with God's Word. When handling situations that need a solution, the tendency is to grab from the numerous ideas that float around. We try to impress in people's minds that we are intelligent and modern because we do not really depend solely on the old fashioned Word. We use all the arguments that the world can offer as they sound good, reasonable and acceptable. These are the winds, the waves, the currents and the deceiving sights that push us away from our bearing and when we continue on this course we will lose our way and not arrive at our destination.

Before we think of outreach, relationships and discipleship let us check whether we are fully grounded in the Word of God, drawing from it solely for our decisions in life and the issues about our faith. The need to regularly check with God's Word as we journey in our life must be a daily endeavor....if not in our presumptions and our false confidence we may have veered away and brought several people away from the Word and away from God.

We are not equipped to morally judge what is right and wrong or what is good and evil if we do not have the Word of God as our reference. Let us check our bearing and let us make sure that we are heading towards the direction of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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