

sure of guidance when our wills are yielded to the Lord. We must give up all idea of guiding ourselves, by an utter surrender of everything, and an absolute trust in Him. Let Him know our wants day by day, and our need of guidance, then leave all in His dear hands.

“Fear not, care not,  
Only follow  
His way, this day  
And to-morrow.”

The 9th verse is wrongly translated. It is not “Lest they come near,” but to keep them near. God does not will His children to be *restrained and reminded* by bit and bridle, like the horse and mule, which are devoid of understanding. Yet when we do require these reminders, how gentle they are, and how thankful we should be for them.

The seventh and last step is in the last verse. *Joy*. The Psalm closes with rejoicing, and how can we help rejoicing in the Lord, when we find His Word proved true in our daily life, and He such a Saviour. Now let me impress this thought: never let unforgiveness remain upon the conscience; it corrodes and eats in, as acid does upon metal; it causes backsliding and all the sorrow that involves, it is sad, but too true, that Christians can smother conscience and drift away into sin. If you wish to be one “Unto whom the Lord imputes not iniquity” yield yourself to the Holy Ghost. Confess your sin and put it away, don't make the mistake of trying to feel forgiven but lean upon the word in 1 John 1: 9—so the seven steps to this blessedness are 3rd verse *conviction*, 5th *confession* and *forgiveness*, 6th *prayer*, 7th *protection*, 8th, *guidance*, 9th *joy*.

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