

“Make Thy Way Prosperous”
Joshua 1:8

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a. What is the difference between “Our way” and “God’s way” ?

Our ways -

Proverbs 14:12 -

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Deceptive nature of human judgment!
Limited understanding and the blinding effects of self-will!

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God’s Way -

Isaiah 55:8-9 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

God’s ways are superior in wisdom (Psalm 92:5), wider in perception (Isaiah 55: 11-13) and with greater and eternal in purpose (Psalm 139:17; Jeremiah 29:11)

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b. How can we make God’s ways as our ways?

Psalm 37:5 - Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass

Proverbs 3:6 - In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Jeremiah 6:16 - Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Isaiah 55: 6-7 - Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prosperous and Successful God's Definition

a. What is prosperity or a good success (Joshua 1:7, 8)?

It is beyond wealth:

Matthew 6: 25

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink;
nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.
Is not the life more than meat,
and
the body than raiment?

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Holistic (3 John 1:2) - Beyond wealth - "Doing well" (Deut 5:16 (Eph 6:3) ; Psalms 128:2)

i) Spiritual - (Matthew 16:26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

ii) Mental - (2 Timothy 1:7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

(Philippians 4:11; ... Galatians 6:22)

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b. God's Word and Being Prosperous

Psalm 1:1-3 - Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

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Commandment and Promise -

Joshua 1:2/3,5,6; 7,8/8,9

1 Kings 2:3 - And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

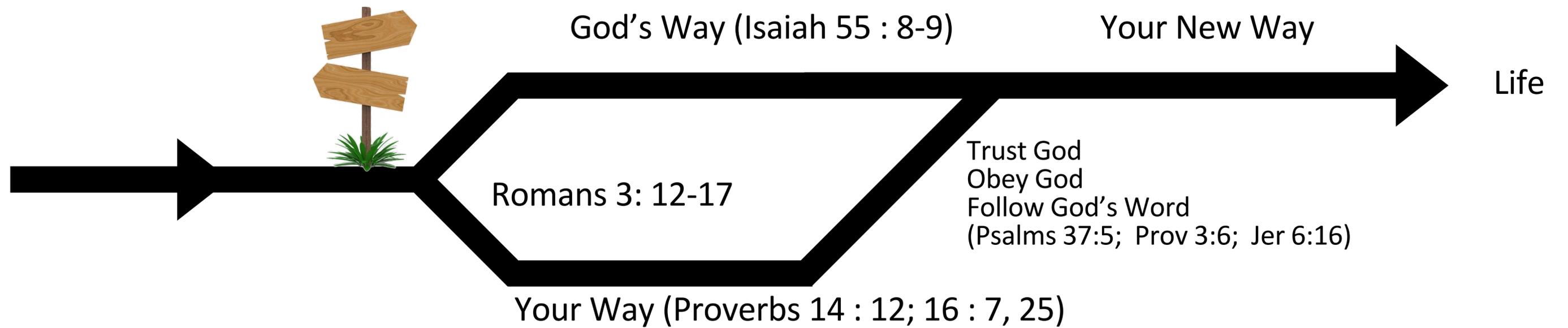
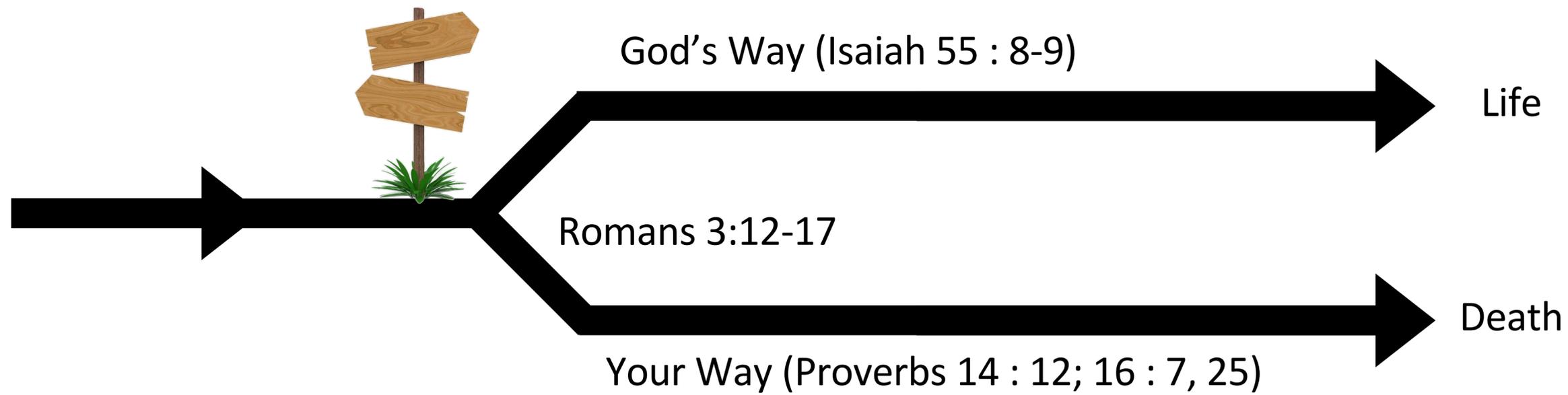
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c. Trusting God and Being Prosperous

Jeremiah 17: 5-8 -

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.



Questions for the Counselling Session - 1

1. What is the difference between your ways and God's ways?
2. What are your thoughts on "Prosperity" and "Good Success"?
3. How can you make God's ways as your way?