

I-THOU GUIDANCE

I. Scriptural guidance (II Timothy 3:16)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

II. Inner conviction (Romans 8:17)

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

III. Prophetic confirmation

(I Corinthians 14:3; Acts 11:27-30;21:10-12)

[1Co 14:3 NIV] ³ But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

[Act 11:27-30 NIV] ²⁷ During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹ The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰ This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

[Act 21:10-12 NIV] ¹⁰ After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we

heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.

IV. Counsel (Proverbs 11:14;15:22)

[Pro 11:14 NIV] ¹⁴ For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

[Pro 15:22 NIV] ²² Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

V. Circumstances (Numbers 22:23,25,27)

²³ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road. ...

²⁵ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat the donkey again. ... ²⁷ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff.

VI. Peace (Colossians 3:15; II Thessalonians 3:15)

[Col 3:15 NIV] ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

[2Th 3:15 NIV] ¹⁵ Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer.

VII. Provision (Matthew 7:11; Luke 12:24)

[Mat 7:11 NIV] ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

[Luk 12:24 NIV] ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!