

The Steps of a Good Man

God orders the steps of those He has made righteous. Direction becomes clearer as we submit to Scripture, remain close to the Father, and obey the next instruction—even before the whole route is visible.

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The Steps of a Good Man	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, January 25, 2026	Psalm 37:23-24 ; Genesis 12:1-7

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 God orders the steps of those He has made righteous.

- The steps of a good person are established by the Lord because He delights in that person's way. ([Psalm 37:23](#))
- Goodness is not self-produced; believers are made righteous by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. ([Romans 5:1-2](#))
- Direction begins with trusting the One who created us and choosing to believe what His Word says. ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#))

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

STUDY [Psalm 37:23](#); [Romans 5:1-2](#); [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

02 God's Word is a compass for the heart that submits to it.

- Possessing a Bible is not the same as being directed by it; the heart must yield to its truth and walk it out. ([James 1:22-25](#))
- Scripture gives light for the next step and keeps the path from being governed by impulse or natural reasoning. ([Psalm 119:105](#))
- Willingness and obedience clear spiritual vision and prepare us to recognize God's purposes. ([Isaiah 1:19](#))

"The Word of God is our compass."

STUDY [James 1:22-25](#); [Psalm 119:105](#); [Isaiah 1:19](#)

03 Faith obeys the next instruction before the whole route is visible.

- Abraham left his country and family at God's command without first receiving every detail of the destination. ([Genesis 12:1-4](#))
- His obedience made him a blessing and moved him into the place where God would reveal more. ([Genesis 12:5-7](#))
- God later told Abraham to lift his eyes, arise, and walk through the land He had promised. ([Genesis 13:14-17](#))

"It's important that you rise up and you begin to walk."

STUDY [Genesis 12:1-7](#); [Genesis 13:14-17](#)

04 A fall does not cancel the path God has established.

- Though the righteous person falls, that person is not utterly cast down because the Lord upholds them with His hand. ([Psalm 37:24](#))
- Failure is not a place to remain; grace helps us stand again and continue the instruction already received. ([Proverbs 24:16](#))
- God also uses the body of Christ to restore, strengthen, and help carry burdens along the way. ([Galatians 6:1-2](#))

"If you fall, do not stay in the place you fell."

STUDY [Psalm 37:24](#); [Proverbs 24:16](#); [Galatians 6:1-2](#)

05 Sonship and fellowship with the Father come before assignment.

- Believers are led by the Spirit because they are sons and daughters of God, not because a ministry role defines them. ([Romans 8:14-17](#))
- Daily communion with the Father keeps identity settled while work, occupation, or ministry responsibilities change. ([2 Corinthians 6:18](#))
- Closeness with God helps distinguish His instruction from a merely good idea that would have to be carried in human strength. ([John 15:15](#))
- The practical place to begin is Scripture, prayer, and faithful obedience to the last clear instruction. ([John 14:21](#))

"You're not what you do. You're a son first."

STUDY [Romans 8:14-17](#); [2 Corinthians 6:18](#); [John 15:15](#); [John 14:21](#)

06 Every believer shares the calling to carry reconciliation.

- God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation. ([2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#))
- The gospel gives every believer a clear assignment while individual calling and direction continue to unfold. ([Mark 16:15](#))
- Like Abraham, we grow strong in faith by refusing to waver at God's promise and becoming fully persuaded that He is able to perform it. ([Romans 4:20-22](#))

“We have been called to be ministers of reconciliation.”

STUDY [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#); [Mark 16:15](#); [Romans 4:20-22](#)

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How will you put the Word into practice?

What is the last clear instruction God gave you, and what would obedience to it look like this week?

Where have you been waiting for the whole route when God has already shown you the next step?

Has a failure or disappointment become a place where you stopped walking? How will you arise again?

Who can you serve with the message of reconciliation while your individual calling continues to unfold?
