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TURN A CORNER!

There's a false notion floating around in the air which is being caught by many Christians. In summary it says this: *"You get your directions for living through personal experiences, when God talks to you and you feel Him telling you what to do."*

Conversations are often reported: "The other night the Lord said to me...." "...And I said, 'Lord,...'" Back and forth the chatting goes.

This is not to say God can't speak to someone One-on-one; He can do anything He wants. But Christian, *be careful before you put words into the mouth of Almighty God.*

We already have all the words we need!

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said – ?"

And indeed, 1 Corinthians 4:6 says, *"Do not go beyond what is written."* And Revelation 22:18 is right in your face: "I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book."

How do you get your direction for living? "[His] Word is a lamp to [your] feet and a light to [your] path" (Ps. 119:105). "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful" (Jos. 1:8).

You only have one life. There are no reruns, no instant replays. "Be careful, then, how you live.... Understand what the Lord's will is" (Eph. 5:15, 17). Friend, get your directions for living from the right place, daily! You'll turn a corner.