

IS IT GOD, OR IS IT ME?



***“I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”***

John 8

Guidance from the Lord is a mystery.

There are times when the Spirit clearly says, “This is the way. Walk in it.”

There are times when we just know that the Lord is warning us not to take that path. We just know.

We hear a few words from a child, and the Spirit turns them into light from heaven.

Sometimes we *assume* that we have a *direct line* to heaven.

“The Lord showed me....”

“The Lord took me to this passage of scripture.”

“The Lord gave me a word of counsel for you.”

“The Lord gave me a vision last night.”

Now we are on treacherous ground.

There is a chance that we have begun to put words in the Lord’s mouth.

Dangerous for us.

Dangerous for those we presume to “guide”.

As long as we are in these bodies of flesh....

God chooses how and where and when he will speak to us.



God does not come running when we ring the bell.

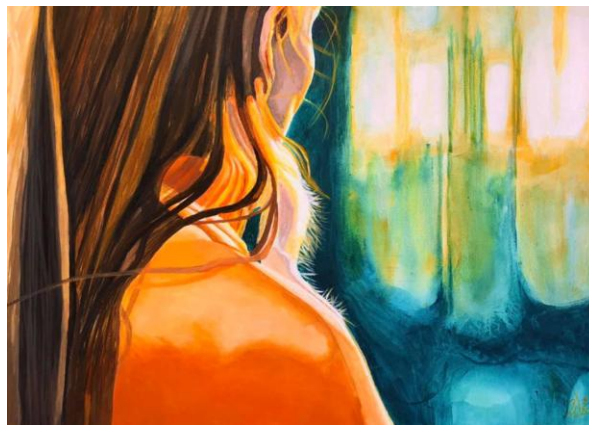
We await God's pleasure.

And when we seem to be getting "guidance" from God three times a day, we need to ask,

"Is it God, or is it me?"

"Is this guidance coming from heaven, or is it self-generated?"

"Lord, teach us what it means to wait on you----with our shoes off!"



Prayer: Yes, Lord, teach us what it means to wait on you. We don't want to presume that we are truly hearing from you, when we are just being guided by our own thoughts and opinions. Holy Lord, we do want to hear you, to follow you, to walk in the light of life, to do your will as your humble servants. So, help us to keep our pride from assuming we have a direct line to you, that we are more special, worthy and privileged than others. Help us to keep our arrogance from interfering with hearing your voice. Help us not to put words in your mouth. Help us to hear you when and in whatever way you choose to speak to us. Help us to quietly listen. Help us. Help us. Amen.

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