

God is My Guide & Compass

It was a wonderful Christmas gift from two special friends, Matt and Janela. When they gave it to me they said they explained the significance as to why the gift was chosen. That made it an extra special gift.

The box said it was a compass and the “perfect gift” for Missionaries, Baptisms, Weddings, Birthdays and Graduations. On the back of the compass was an inscription that read, “*Be strong and courageous! For the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go*” (Joshua 1:9). We need that!

Like all compasses it has a pointer which you line up with North as your “anchor.” Then you can go confidently in whatever direction you need to reach your destination. This compass labels East, West and South. Instead of North it shows God as the anchor where North would have been. The symbolism couldn't be clearer. By seeking God as your anchor and point of reference you can navigate life with confidence. With God as your guide you will never be lost.

Many of the occasions listed on the box -- wedding, birthday and graduation -- are crossroads when important decisions are made. Each is a time when we need to be aligned with God as we embark on the next phase of our life. But we need God every day. By placing the compass on my desk it serves as a daily reminder that God is to be the anchor in my life on a daily basis.



The inscription gives an important message. Life is a difficult journey, with many roadblocks and challenges along the way. There are times when we need to step around something yet remain true to our course. To do that we need to be strong and courageous as we navigate our path. God is our strength. We can be strong and courageous if God is our guide.

Life is uncharted territory. We live it in real time. Using God as our compass He can be our guide on the path to an enriching life. Proceed with confidence and be strong and courageous. God will show you the way.

The Bible Says: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Question: When are some of the times in your life when you trusted God to be your guide and compass, stepping around obstacles but remaining on a Godly path?

Prayer: Dear Lord. Our world encourages us to go in directions away from You. Lead and guide us in the direction You want us to go and give us strength and courage as we follow You to a Heavenly destination. Amen.