

**Devotion given by Richard Lam at the Prayer Meeting on  
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***Psalm 27:14***

*Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord*

***Proverbs 3:5-6***

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.*

*Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*



When Moses was in the wilderness, God kept the Israelites in one place by a cloud. When the cloud stayed still for many days, the Israelites obeyed the Lord's order and did not wander out. The book of Numbers tells us how difficult it was for the Israelites to wait patiently for the Lord's direction. They complained bitterly for many things. Waiting patiently is not easy, but at times God wants us to stay right where He put us. Psalm 27:14 said "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart".

When I first learned to drive, parking was not a high priority with my driving instructor. I was not taught how to parallel park or back up into a parking space as this was not required in the test to get my driver's license. My instructor concentrated on skills to safely steer the car. Before you can steer a car it must be in motion. Our life is a constant state of motion. Before God can steer us, we must be in motion. God cannot steer a parked car. Going with this thought is the desire for change. We must be ready for God to steer us.

The question we need to ask ourselves is "Are we ready to put God behind the wheel of our life and let him do the driving?" If one is ready, the blessing is that if one is going in the wrong direction, God will steer us in the right way. Proverbs 3:5-6 said "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take". Too often we do not let God be in total control of our life. We like to take control of the steering wheel at times and drive in the direction we want.

It is human nature to say, "It's my body. I can do with it as I want". This is a half-truth. Yes, it is your body. You may do with it as you choose, provided there is no one stopping you. But you are not free to choose the consequences of your choices. Poor choices often lead to long lasting or everlasting consequences – to society and to people you love. People who drink and drive can kill or maim innocent victims. The consequences can be devastating.

In summary: We must wait for the Lord. Be strong and not be discouraged. We must trust in the Lord, seek His will. Let Him be in control and He will show us the right path to take.