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Our society may send a lot of conflicting messages, but the Bible does not. The Word of God tells us not to listen to our own desires but to follow God's ways. "Don't follow the lusts of the flesh but rather the fruit of the Spirit." "Don't take the broad path, take the narrow path." "Don't seek after man's treasure, which is temporary but after God's which is eternal." The Bible is refreshing, as it gives us a consistent message: We are sinners and we desperately need Jesus Christ. Then it reliably tells us how to be "in Christ" (Gal. 3:26-28), where salvation is (II Tim. 2:10).

Society usually has ulterior motives in its signals. God's motives revolve around His love for us. **God's signals are meant for our protection, correction, and direction.** Won't you follow Him in your life?

— Shane Williams

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## Sending Mixed Signals

We like to be given straight answers, don't we? We don't like mixed signals or the "runaround." You don't like to get two completely different answers from the same company about the same product. You don't like to get a notice from your Credit Card Company one day, telling you that your spending limit is increased, only to get a notice the next day threatening you if you don't send them money. Well, which is it? Am I a "valued customer" or a delin-



quent? Society certainly sends out mixed and confusing signals. On the one hand, ads, television, movies, etc., want you to indulge yourself in all kinds of immoral activities. On the other hand, you're supposed to tone it down, watch out for AIDS and by all means make sure you don't drink while you're driving! Talk about mixed signals!

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## It's Always Needed!

I heard a story of a man in the mid 1950's entering school to study engineering. A professor told the entering freshmen class to buy the best slide rule they could afford. The reason: "You will be dependent on it all your professional life." Well, of course, it wasn't too long before the slide rule was replaced by the calculator.

We've seen those same sorts of things in fairly recent years: 8 tracks, cassette tapes (almost), & even VHS tapes!

Things that today we consider essential may quickly become obsolete. Tomorrow they may be discarded as antiques that cannot provide the help we need.

At least one thing from the past, however, will always be needed and never become obsolete. It is the Bible, God's Holy Word. No matter how much technological change and progress takes place, that Book will remain

the one sure means for getting the right answers to the complicated questions: Our origin, our purpose, our needs, and our final destination.

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**Psalm 119:105**, "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

**Psalm 18:30**, "As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him."

**Psalm 119:160**, "The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever."

**1 Peter 1:23**, "For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God."

Make sure you keep your Bible around and use it! You'll always need it.

— Shane Williams

## Wandering Minds

Has this ever happened to you? You're driving down the road, thinking about something other than driving, and either the gravel or the bumpy indentations on the side of the road quickly get your mind refocused on your driving!

Have you ever considered what would happen if God's mind wandered? Consider Paul's words in **Colossians 1:16-17**: "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created by Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

Through Jesus, all things are held together and He keeps our world going as it should. What terrible consequences if He were to cease! This could never happen, however, because God is constantly watching over us. What a great blessing that God will not be asleep when we are in need.

**Psalm 121:1-4**, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills — From whence comes my help? 2 My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep."

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## **God's Plan for Saving Man**

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Be Faithful** until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)