

"THE NEXT STEP"

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Text - Ps. 37:23-25

Intro. - Our generation is one of DREAMS/PASSION/DESIRE ~
Ambition and drive, a willingness to DO/BE/GET ~
yet, this current generation is also one of disappointment, depression,
heartache, and failure ~ WHY?

- Because we fail to see the need for THE NEXT STEP!
* Steps to our Dreams / Steps to our success / Steps to our Desire

Illustr. - Good grades ~ often dreamed about/desired/wanted but they
are never going to happen w/o Steps being taken
to get them ~
Successful Business/Relationship ~ Dream + desire all you want
but w/o taking the steps to get
there ~ ain't gonna happen!

* Right Steps - "... of a good man are ordered by the Lord..."

* God Delights in them in "THE STEPS" ~ "... he delighteth"

* We Delight in them too!

→ Some fall in taking/making the step but are not utterly cast down
* We all stumble/fall but God is still ~ vs. 24
there "upholding" us w/His Hand!

* Don't STOP making steps or you'll never make it!!

→ Watch/Look at your feet - your next step ~ What/when/why?

Keep your
eyes on
your steps

3 Thoughts on the Next Step ~

① EVIDENCE of our FAITH ~ what are "steps"? ~ "the act of
moving one leg
in front of another
(small + large)
"Neil Armstrong's quote"
"process of actions
from one to another"
(Steps in baking cake)
(riding a bike) (assembly)

→ Salvation - Baptism - Service - Surrender - Giving - Witnessing
→ All are "Steps" !!

"Let me examine your steps and I can see
what you believe."

② EXAMPLE of our FAITH ~ to others ~ our testimony

→ Steps IN FRONT of others
→ From others - away from the "wicked", "evildoers", "unrighteous"
→ TOWARD others - "Don't run from reconciliation" ~ move toward it

③ EXERCISE of our FAITH - cp. I Tim. 4:7 - "exercise thyself
rather unto godliness."
"working out"
(can be seen)
by others

~ Take Steps To Reach Your Dreams/Goals ~