

**“HOW TO GET UNSTUCK”**

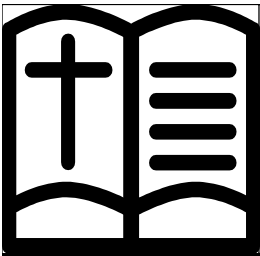
**PSALM 25:8-14**

**I. PREREQUISITE**

- A. *You must know you are stuck in a rut and want to get out*
- B. *You must have a sincere faith that God wants to give you wisdom and lead you in the way Js 1:5-8*
- C. *If you are not in it yet, get to an attitude of gratitude 1 Thess 5:18*
- D. *Dump all inflammations of the brain that cause you to be immobilized and unable to get out of it - excusitis - and take a good dose of responsibility*

**II. LEARNING THE WAY**

- A. *Start with a wholesome picture of the cosmos*
  - 1. *God is good and upright*
  - 2. *He is non-discriminating: He works with sinners, the humble, those who keep His covenant and testimonies, those who have blown it, those who fear Him*
  - 3. *He is a teacher, a guide, the ultimate authority, and an intimate personal Mentor*
  - 4. *Conclusion: Qualified and sufficient help is available and on the way; there is nothing He does not know and control*
- B. *Learning levels*
  - 1. *Sinner level: going the wrong direction but*



- being taught by God to get on the right way. Gets scraps of learning; but mostly foolish listening when it agrees with his opinion (8)*
- 2. The humble level: Those who are wise enough to admit they do NOT know it all. They can learn and do the right thing. They see how God wants them to walk (9)*
  - 3. Bonus level: ALL the paths (plural) of the LORD are mercy and truth to the ones who have learned from Him already, entered a relationship with Him and love His testimonies. They see how they stack up compared to Him not other people (10-11)*
  - 4. The wisdom level: For the man who fears the LORD (12-14)*
    - a. He has learned that ALL the paths that are set before Him are mercy and truth. He is free to choose any of them. He will use wise choices. There is no path that is free of obstacles, challenges, cost, loss, gain, even suffering*
    - b. Whichever of those paths He chooses God will teach Him, guide Him; he can even change paths, if he chooses; he is not stuck*
    - c. He will be at peace with God by faith, dwelling in prosperity and buying a good heritage for his children. He will have intimacy with God*