

When Following God's Design, Everything Works Perfectly

I. Introduction:

A. Look up at the sky sometime soon (**Psalms 19:1-6**).

1. Consider it (**Psalms 8:3**).
2. There is marvelous design and wondrous things to see (i.e. **Job 26:7**).
3. All the things you look up to see work in perfect harmony (**Psalms 104:1-24** and **Psalms 147:7-8**) and are rightly productive (**Acts 14:17**).
4. How was everything, that works perfectly together, made (**Psalms 33:6-9** and **Hebrews 11:3**)?

B. Now look around and see what God has given to men (**Psalms 115:16**).

1. This world doesn't work perfectly (**I John 5:19**).
2. The things that man has authority over, to any degree, are most often very messed up (i.e. **Acts 14:23** [**Revelation 2:1-3:22**], **Ephesians 5:23** [**John 4:17-18**], **I Peter 2:13-16** [**Matthew 27:1-28:15**], etc.).

II. Body: His Way, His Work, His Word Is Perfect (**Deuteronomy 32:4**, **II Samuel 22:31**, **Psalms 19:7-8**, and **Hosea 14:9**).

A. If we all individually and collectively just follow God's way, we will work as perfectly as the universe above and around us (**Colossians 1:25-28**, **II Timothy 3:15-17**, and **James 1:25**).

1. Following God's way means setting aside "my way" (**Isaiah 55:6-9**; cf. **Luke 9:23**).
2. Following God's way means choosing His way (**Psalms 119:30**).
3. Following God's way requires ACTION (**Luke 6:46-49**).
4. Such must SHOW in ALL AREAS of our lives (**Titus 2:7-8**).

B. God's design for the family (**Ephesians 5:33** and **Colossians 3:18-21**).

1. The man should lead in a proper way (**Genesis 18:18-19** and **I Peter 3:7**).
2. The wife should follow and guide (**Titus 2:3-6**; cf. **I Timothy 5:14**).
3. The children should be obedient (**Ephesians 6:1-4**).

C. The Lord designed the church to be HIS HOUSE (**Hebrews 3:1-6**).

1. In subjection to the founder (**Ephesians 5:23-24**).

2. To exist and work faithfully without flaws (**Ephesians 5:25-27**).

3. Doing the works HE assigned to us collectively (**I Timothy 3:15**)...

a. **I Thessalonians 1:7-8**; cf. **I Corinthians 9:6-14** and **I Timothy 5:17-18**

b. **I Corinthians 16:1-4** and **II Corinthians 8:4**

c. **Ephesians 4:16** and **I Thessalonians 5:11-14**

D. Your salvation will be secure (**II Peter 1:3-11**).

1. Walking always in all things pleasing to the Lord (**Colossians 1:10**) leads to...

2. ... Surely being forever with the Lord (**John 12:26** and **I Thessalonians 4:13-17**) as the design was intended for the faithful (**I Thessalonians 5:9**).

III. Conclusion: God designed us to be in His image (**Genesis 1:27**). Jesus designed us to do good works (**Ephesians 2:10**). Do what you were designed to do (**Ephesians 4:24**)!