

The following letter was written by Charlie Williams, Ministry to Men Director. After many requests for him to write a book about *Ministry to Men* and after several attempts to do just that, someone suggested he simply write letters sharing some of the truths God has been teaching him during the years.

We will be posting his letters on the Ministry to Men Web site and changing them periodically, probably weekly. This letter was posted on August 12, 2010

4th letter Left Turn/right turn Ecclesiastes 10:2

I had the privilege of leading in a teaching called Left turn, right turn. It helped me to see that I had wanted to trust God but was trying to do it on my own. What that lesson showed me was that I had two questions to answer and I was only answering one of them.

The first question - Was God speaking to my heart and giving me something He wanted me to do or be involved in and I had to answer that question. I say with out bragging that most times when I felt God directing me my answer was 'Yes, Lord, that's what I want to do'. But what I didn't discover for years was that the next question and next answer were even more important than the first. And that was How are you going to do it, Charlie?

My initial response for that was I know what God wants me to do, here I go. I began to learn that as God put areas in my life He wanted me to be involved in that the only way I could do it was go back to Him and say 'Lord, I can not do this, I'm trusting you to do it through me'.

And that's what left turn – right turn was all about. Everything I do must flow from my personal relationship with God and trusting Him and Him alone. I must be learning the difference between obeying what God said and obeying God, the God who said it.

I must focus on trusting God to do His will through me more than for me to have to 'do it'. When I get to saying 'I see what God wants and I will do it' I'm getting ahead of God. So in essence the left turn is knowing or thinking I know God's direction for my life and going on my own to 'do it'. Where right turn is know or thinking you know God's direction for your life and turning to Him and acknowledging that you cannot 'do it, but you will trust Him to do it though you and step out in faith.