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THREE PREREQUISITES FOR ASKING GOD FOR GUIDANCE

1. BE CONFIDENT: _____

Give all your worries and cares to God, for <u>he cares about you</u>.

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'... your heavenly Father already knows all your needs."

Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT)

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

2. BE SPECIFIC: _____

If you want to know what God wants you to do, <u>ask him</u>, and he will gladly tell you...

James 1:5a (LB)

3. BE SURE: ______

[God] is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it. But when you ask him, <u>be sure that you really expect him to tell you</u>...

James 1:5b-6a (LB)

HOW DO YOU GET THE GUIDANCE YOU NEED?

I will climb my watchtower and wait to see what the Lord will tell me to say and what answer He will give to my complaint. The Lord gave me this answer: "Write down clearly on tablets what I reveal to you, so that it can be read at a glance."

Habakkuk 2:1-2 (GN)

1. _____: Find a quiet spot / will climb my watchtower...

Habakkuk 2:1a (GN)

Jesus often went away to other places to be alone so that he could pray.

Luke 5:16 (ERV)

2.	: Be still	
	and wait to see what the Lord will tell me	
		Habakkuk 2:1b (GN)
	Be still, and know that I am God.	
		Psalm 46:10 (NIV)
3.	: What is God showing you?	
	I will look to see what He will say to me	
		Habakkuk 2:1b (NIV)
	I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw	
		Proverbs 24:32 (NIV)
4.	: Write down what comes to mind	
	The Lord gave me this answer: "Write down clearly what I reveal to you.	
		Habakkuk 2:2 (GN)
5.	: Praise God for His Guidance	
	O Lord, now I have heard your report, and I worship you	
		Habakkuk 3:2 (LB)

Answer key

1. BE CONFIDENT: GOD CARES

BE SPECIFIC: ASK CLEAR QUESTIONS 2.

- 3. BE SURE: GOD WILL ANSWER
- **RETREAT: Find a quiet spot** 1.
- **RELAX: Be still** 2.
- OBSERVE: What is God showing you? 3.
- **<u>RECORD</u>**: Write down what comes to mind 4.
- 5. WORSHIP: Praise God for His Guidance