**Verse**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**5. Proverbs 3:5-6**

**KJV** Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

**CSB Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.**

**ESV** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Appalachian Trail is a trail that goes from Georgia all the way to Maine. The highest point is Clingmans Dome in Tennessee. It is like climbing to the top of the Empire State Building three times.

There are lots of other trails that lead to the top of Clingmans Dome. Some go around it. Some go just to the top and then you have to go back the way you came. Some cross it, but go in a different direction than you want to go. The worst thing would be to accidentally take the wrong trail and end up somewhere that is not the top of Clingmans Dome. Then you would be lost.

Luckily the Appalachian Trail is marked very well. About every 70 feet there is a white mark on a tree or a rock. They are called “Blazes.” Blazes let you know that you are on the right trail. They are like a map. Blazes always take you the best and safest way along the Trail.

There are times when I think I know a better way to go. Once, I was really tired and I thought I would make my own short cut down the side of the mountain. I could see the campsite below me. The blazes kept going away from the campsite. So I decided to make my own path and slide down the hillside to the campsite. I trusted in my own understanding. I started sliding down the hill and the next thing I know I am tumbling down the side of a mountain. I was all cut up and bruised. I should have trusted in the blazes that marked the safe trail instead of doing what I thought was right.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says that we should trust God. We should seek God and find out what He would have us to do instead of doing what we think is probably best. The Bible says that if we will trust in God with all our heart, He will make our paths straight. That means when we are faced with doing something right or doing something wrong, that we should always choose to do what is right.

When we ask God to direct our paths we are really asking him to show us or to help us make wise choices and to do what is right. Do you know how God directs our paths? Does He say, “Stop, turn right”! God directs our paths through reading the Bible (Proverbs 3:5-6) praying, worshipping and trusting those that God has put in authority over us like our parents. God wants you and me to make wise choices. He tells us that when we trust Him, He will direct us.

Thank you God for caring and loving me enough to direct my paths.