

# DIRECTIONS

Aren't directions wonderful? Well, I know that I use them a lot.

When I find a recipe that I can almost smell emanating from the printing, that usually means there are some tantalizing scents in the bit of directions. Many dishes that I stir up have come from a friend or family member with their instructions on preparing that dish. One of my favorites called "Easy Enchiladas" (really, a casserole dish) came when I was visiting a high school friend. Her mother was in the process of preparing supper and I couldn't leave the kitchen without the instructions for this wonderful dish.

And, of course, the scent of homemade bread that I learned from my Grandmother is a definite winner.

There are also other directions that I have resorted to. Upon buying a new floor lamp, I discovered that there were more than just a couple of steps for assembling it. Took me a little longer than I had anticipated. But, following directions step by step does sometimes take a while, certainly if you want it to be successful.

I am cautious enough to avoid any directions that imply "electrical" references. I'll leave that for the pros and handymen.

Other directions, such as making a trip are sometimes required too. I have made many a trip to Siloam Springs, Arkansas for family reunions. And I was using a printed map! No such thing as GPS... and I'm still relying on directions and maps as I don't have GPS... and wonder even now if I could figure out that device's directions.

To this day, I still prefer seeing a map printed on paper to any other method. (Just call me old-fashioned.)

One map I rely each day is in the guidance of my Bible. Along with it are various other study books that I incorporate in my daily devotions. Quite often, I am reminded that my way is not always the right way. I need God's directions to keep my faith and spirit going in the path that is laid out for me. Not my path, but God's path.

Aren't we blessed to have such a wondrous and saving guiding hand for our salvation? And all it takes is for our heart and soul to follow the directions that have already been laid out for us in God's plan for our life. Jesus is the map for us. His life-giving sacrifice on the cross laid out the map for our eternal life. Thank you, Lord, for giving us the directions to join you in Heaven. Be with us as we lean on Your map for each day until we join you.

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