#### <u>Series</u>: Faith By Number 11/3/24 pm <u>Title</u>: <u>Seven Steps of a Good Man</u>: Text: (Ps 37:23-25)

"Steps" - Plural = Walking - Repeated Steps (Heb 11:6) (2 Cor 5:7) For we walk by Faith, not by sight.
Good ~ Complete or sufficiently perfect in its kind; ordered ~ Properly Erected, Setup, According to a plan) (Jer 29:11) "to give you an expected end."
"delighteth" God enjoys the Journey in his way ~ (Course of Life) (John 6:37)(Is 41:10)(Jer 10:23)(Prov 3:1-2; 4:10-12; 16:9)

#### Most of us try to figure it out on our own,

BUT God Left us a Pattern to Follow! (1 Pet 2:21-22):

## Step 1: <u>Be Men/Women of the Book</u>

*Read the Bible:* (1 Tim 4:13) "*Attendance to Reading*" (Jn 16:13) The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth.

*Give Attendance to Reading*~ Show Up For! *Study the Bible:* (2 Tim 2:15) *Study, Dissect, Define Memorize the Bible:* (Ps 119:11 Prv 4:23; De 11:18) *Meditate on the Bible:* (Ps 1:2-3; Josh 1:8) (Jn 16:13-14\*) *Expecting Personal Revelation!* (Ps 119:9) *Taking Heed!* 

# Step 2: <u>Be Men/Women of Prayer</u> (Matt 6:7-13)

Praise:"Our Father...as it is in heaven."Needs:"Give us...Daily Bread."Forgiveness:"Forgive us...forgive our debtors."Protection:"Lead us not...deliver us from evil."(Matt 6:5)"Vain Repetitions" - Asking w/o Thinking

Step 3: <u>Be Men/Women of Faith</u> :	(Heb 11:1)
Our Faith Saves Us:	(Eph 2:8)
Our Faith Pleases God:	(Heb 11:6)
Our Faith Determines Our Direction:	(2 Cor 5:7)
God Responds to our Choices/Actions:	(James 4:8)

### Step 4: Be Men/Women of a Separated Walk

(Prov 13:20)Companion of Fools(1 Jn 2:6) Lust of the Flesh:Controlling Desire to Do.Lust of the Eyes:Compulsive Demand to Have.Pride of Life:Consuming Drive to Be.Unyoke:(2 Cor 6:14,17-18) Divisions & Offenses

## Step 5: <u>Be Men/Women w/Compassionate Hearts</u>

## Step 6: <u>Be Men/Women who Witness</u>

(Acts 1:8; Matt 28:19) *What is your Purpose?* (John 16:13-14) (Col 4:3-6)

Step 7: Be Men/Women who are Giving: (2Chr 29:12-14)Getting & Giving Riches: (Lk 6:38; 16:10-14)Getting & Giving Honor: (Prov 15:33; 18:12; 22:4; 29:23)Getting and Giving Power: Humility 1st: (James 4:6,10)All power belongs to God(Ps 62:11)We are powerless without Him(John 15:5)Turn us from the power of Satan to God: (Acts 26:18)To make His power known:(Ps 106:8)God's Power working in us to benefit others: (Eph 3:20-21)

<u>Getting and Giving Might</u>: *Physical Strength* (Is 40:28-31) What does *"Wait"* Mean?

Getting & Giving Greatness: (Phil 2:3-11) That's Success!