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Ps 37:30-31

*30 The godly offer good counsel;
they know what is right from wrong.
31 They fill their hearts with God's law,
so they will never slip from his path. NLT*

How to Avoid a Fatal Crash (A Modern Parable about Grateful Obedience)

A young student was on his first flight with his instructor. As they attained a cruising altitude a mile above a large city, the student noticed that the pilot was slumped and unconscious in his seat. The student desperately tried to revive the instructor, but was unsuccessful. Beset with panic over his circumstances, the student secured contact with an air traffic controller at the local airport. The skilled and experienced controller quickly assessed the gravity of the situation, and in a confident but emotionless tone instructed the student pilot to remove the unconscious pilot from his seat and then take his place at the controls.

"Son," he said firmly, "you are in desperate trouble. If you do nothing, your small aircraft will soon exhaust its fuel and crash to the ground. If you try to land the plane on your own instincts, a disaster will also ensue. But, if you will listen carefully to me and do exactly what I say, you can safely land your plane. I know well the runways at this airport. I know the weather and the current wind speed. And, I have a detailed flight manual open and in front of me. I have all the tools to get you safely on the ground. All I need is your obedience."

The young man was overwhelmed with gratitude at his good fortune and listened carefully to the simple and clear commands of the controller. He executed those commands with discipline and precision. It wasn't long before the student pilot taxied to a stop on the runway.

In order to avoid a fatal crash, will you "change seats," listen to Godly instruction, and carry out those instructions with discipline and precision? If you will, you will discover that God has given us the tools to get you safely on the ground.

Ps 119:25-32

*25 I lie in the dust, completely discouraged;
revive me by your word.
26 I told you my plans, and you answered.
Now teach me your principles.
27 Help me understand the meaning of your commandments,
and I will meditate on your wonderful miracles.
28 I weep with grief;
encourage me by your word.
29 Keep me from lying to myself;
give me the privilege of knowing your law.
30 I have chosen to be faithful;
I have determined to live by your laws.
31 I cling to your decrees.
LORD, don't let me be put to shame!
32 If you will help me,
I will run to follow your commands. NLT*

