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“TEACH ME THY WAY, O LORD”

Words and Music by Mansell Ramsey, 1949-1923

“Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path. (Psalm 27:11)”

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess. – Martin Luther

I thank God for my handicaps, for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God. – Helen Keller

Whatever absorbs our thinking will ultimately control our actions. It is so important for a Christian, then to let the ways of the Lord become the controlling force in life. **It was C.S. Lewis who reminded us that we are becoming now what we will be in eternity – either something beautiful and full of glory or something hideous and full of darkness.**

A spiritual knowledge of Christ is always a personal knowledge. It is not gained through the experiences of others. **Knowing the Lord in all of His fullness for every situation we encounter is a lifetime pursuit.** Discipleship involves a willingness to be taught and then a desire to follow the ways of the Lord – to go with Him in the same direction He is going. **We must be willing to say with David Livingstone, the noted missionary statesman of the past century, “I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ.”**

This hymn first appeared in 1920 in England. The author and composer, Benjamin Ramsey, was a well-known local church musician in the Bournemouth area of England. It has since had a wide use by student groups as well as by sincere believers everywhere who genuinely desire to have a greater knowledge of their Lord.

- **Teach me Thy Way, O Lord, teach me Thy way! Thy guiding grace afford -- teach me thy Way! Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight; lead me with heav’nly light – teach me Thy Way!**
- **When I am sad at heart, teach me Thy Way! When earthly joys depart, teach me Thy Way! In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress, in failure or success, teach me Thy Way.**
- **When doubts and fears arise, teach me Thy Way! When storms o’er spread the skies, teach me Thy Way! Shine thru the cloud and rain, thru sorrow, toil and pain; make Thou my pathway plain – teach me Thy Way!**
- **Long as my life shall last, teach me Thy Way! Where’er my lot be cast, teach me Thy Way! Until the race is run, until the journey’s done, until the crown is won, teach me Thy Way! AMEN.**

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“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

