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1 Pt. 3:12, "For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

I love singing songs with my grandson. One of his favorites is "*The Lord's Army*." The words tell us as His children, we are part of His army. I so appreciate song's that teach our children about God's provision and love for us. This passage reminds us that the LORD is always watching over His children. He sees everything and He hears everything. He knows our needs. He hears our cries. He is listening to every prayer, every day. And it also reminds us that there are those who don't care about the LORD's plans because they have plans of their own. **Prov. 21:2,** "*A person may think their own ways are right, but the LORD weighs the heart.*" In other words, the LORD knows every intention of our hearts. He knows our righteous desires and also our evil intents.

While meditating on today's scripture, I was reminded that there are only two directions we can choose to go; towards God or away from Him. How can we know for sure what we are to do? How can we be assured that the path we are walking is the correct one? How can we know that the hand of the LORD is leading us? How can we know we are on the right side of the battle line? The Psalmist states is clearly in **Ps. 119:104-105**, "*I gain understanding from Your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. If you are struggling to know if you are on the right side, go to God's Word. He instructs us on everything we need to know."*

Dear LORD, we need You every hour of every day. You are our King, our Rock, our Shepherd, and our Leader. Help us to spend time with You in Your precious Word and to follow the plans that You have laid out for us. In Jesus Name, Amen.