

THE BEGINNER'S  
**GUIDE**  
TO PREDICTING  
≡ YOUR ≡  
**FUTURE**

**Principle of the Path**  
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**Scripture:** Matthew 7:24–29

**Idea:** Our direction determines our destination.

**Tension:** There is often a disconnect between where we want to end up and the path we choose.

**Introduction**

*[What if you could predict your own future? You've been close. Here's something most of us have thought at some point...]*

**I** should have **seen** that **coming!**

*[When we find ourselves in a mess, we look back. We connect the dots mentally and conclude, "Oh, I should have seen this coming." It's just so obvious.]*

*[Here's something we've all said...]*

**You** should have seen that coming!

*[It's obvious when it's someone else. Why can we see what they can't? Why can they see what we can't?]*

*[Sometimes we do see it coming, but choose to look in the other direction. Why? We'll get to that.]*

*[First, some bad news that's important for where we're headed. It may explain why you are where you are.]*

**Most** personal problems **can't** be **fixed**.

*[We fix cars and computers so they become good as new.]*

Like it **never** even **happened!**

