



Knowing God's Will Part I

Psalms 19:7-11

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FOUR KEYS TO GOD'S WILL

1. God's plans are worth finding out.
2. Discovering His will is not an exact science, it requires practice.
3. God has more time, resources and ideas than we can imagine.
4. Discovering God's will is a process.

FIVE WAYS GOD REVEALS HIS WILL TO US

1. God speaks through The Holy Spirit _____ in prayer:
John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

2. God speaks through His blessings and circumstances _____.
(Judges 6). Often God's blessing and circumstances are His way of informing _____ us of His will for our lives.

3. God speaks through godly counsel _____: *Proverbs 15:22*
Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established. Develop relationships with godly advisors _____ who can help you discover God's plan for your life.

4. God speaks through Visions and Dreams _____ :
(Luke 2 and Matt 2) God used dreams to tell Zechariah and Joseph, the fathers of John the Baptist and Jesus, about the coming births of their sons. Write out your visions and dreams and compare them to other messages He is giving you.

5. God speaks through His Word _____ both written and spoken:
God's will never contradicts His Word. The Bible will shed light on every decision you can make. The trick is to know how to use it your advantage.

a. His written Word *Psalms 19:7-11*

b. His Word provides wisdom and discernment *Proverbs 1:7*

c. His Word interacts with our heart *Hebrews 4:12-13*

d. His Word warns us against sin *Psalms 119:9-11*

e. His Word provides wisdom and discernment *Proverbs 1:7*

FOUR NON-NEGOTIABLES OF GOD'S WILL

1. God's plans for your life cannot contradict _____ His Word or require you to sin.
2. God's plans for your life will require obedience to God through faith _____. *Romans 1:17*
3. God's plans are always part of His molding _____ and _____ shaping of your life. *Ephesians 2:10*
4. God's plans always promote His righteousness _____.

DOCUMENT BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR EACH OF THE SUGGESTIONS BELOW

- **G**o to God in prayer and seek His face, not His hand. *Matt 6:10*
- **O**bedience or disobedience issue? Is it sin? *Matt 7:21*
- **D**o not force it. Wait on the Lord. *Ps 46:10, 1 Cor 14:33*
- **S**earch the scriptures for an answer. *Ps 19:9-11*
- **W**hat do you really want and why? Be honest. *Ps 37:4*
- **I**nvestigate your decision implications. *Luke 14:28*
- **L**isten to godly counsel. *Proverbs 15:22*
- **L**et the Spirit lead through prayer. *Romans 8:26-27*

Meditate on these verses and God will speak to your heart. *Ps 1:1-2*