

How To Discern The Will of God In Everyday Decisions

1. Obedience To The Written Will of God Is A Prerequisite To Know His Will.

- a. If we are not willing to obey the obvious will of God why would He reveal anything else to us?
 - i. We must agree to do God's will before He will reveal anything to us.
- b. **Act 9:6**, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"
 - i. God's will is not a menu from which we can choose whatever fits our will.
- c. **Jesus said**, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly" (John 10:10).
- d. **Trusting the Lord** is a prerequisite to knowing His will.
 - i. **Psalm 7:1**, "O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust."

2. Though we may not find a specific verse or passage of Scripture that fits our life situation, we can find a specific Biblical principle that will help us determine God's will for today.

- **Psalm 119:105**, "Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
- **James 1:5**, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

3. We Should Seek Godly counsel that God has put in our life.

- **Proverbs 11:14** - "Where no counsel is, the people fall."
- **Proverbs 1:5** - "a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels."

4. God has promised to put His desires in the heart of the person who delights in Him.

- **Psalm 37:4** - "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

5. Direction from The Holy Spirit.

- **John 16:13** - "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..."
- **Romans 8:16** - "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit..."

6. Confirmation from the Trinity.

a. Three Green Lights!

1. **God The Father...** *The providence of God.*

2. **God The Son...** *"The Word."*

3. **God The Holy Spirit...** *"Guide you into all truth."*

- a. *The Holy Spirit is always in total harmony with the Word of God.*

When God Is Silent

God's delays are not denials.

Mark 6:48 - "And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them."

John 11:6-7 - "When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again."

God has a purpose in delaying.

Delays can teach us lasting lessons.