

GOD'S WILL FOR ME
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"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3: 5 & 6.

One of the greatest desires of a Christian should be to know and follow the will of God. After all, when we surrender to Him, we are accountable to please Him. This admonition is not just to spiritual realms, but to the everyday walk of men. God gives to each of His children talents and then leads us to develop them into a way of living and service. We send our teens to college hoping they will find the lifelong path that is theirs. But for all of us there is direction to know what in everyday life is the will of God. It is very right to say, "Should I" and seek the will of the Lord. From the Bible I would like to give you some steps of guidance set forth in scripture. **(1). Yield Willingly:** "Amasiah who willing offered himself to the Lord and with him two hundred thousand men of valor" II Chronicles 17:16. He was ready and willing and the Lord led him in great conquests. To find the will of God we must first be willing to surrender to His will. He will not lead one who is not seeking His direction. You will blunder through life with little accomplishment and satisfaction. **(2). Confess Known Sin:** Psm. 66:18 warns, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." We are urged to "Flee also youthful lusts: and follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart" II Tim. 2:22. An axe or knife must be sharp and prepared for the job. We must put out of our lives all that would hinder the leading of the Lord. Our use will be hindered or helped by our relationship to Him. His servant must be willing and prepared to take

the next step. That will be **(3) Prayer For Direction:** In James 1:5-7 we are promised, "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. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he that he will receive anything from the Lord." Quiet, meditative, prayer, is like reporting daily to your boss for directions. If you are seeking the direction of God on anything, He will give you direction. Don't fail to ask and expect the Lord to lead you. **(4). Daily Bible Study:** "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" Psalms 119:105. Our prayerful cry should be, "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness" Psalm 143:10. Your daily Bible study will allow phrases from God's Word to direct you. The light of the Word will shine on your path of daily living. Sometimes by example, and other times by direct command. Bible characters faced many of the problems that still loom large in our thinking. How they faced their problems of living are much the same to us. We see God was with them and He promises to be with you. Never doubt, but trust and obey. Move forward in faith, and He will surely guide you, each and every day. **(5). Sometimes Learn To Wait,** is best. We are impatient people and in this age we expect immediate problem saving information. We dash about like chickens with their heads cut off, jumping about sometimes making things worse. Isaiah 28:16 proclaims, "Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste." Keep your faith in Jesus Christ, our eternal corner stone; and His power will lead you in the best decision. He is not willing for His trusting followers to fail and flounder in defeat and confusion. He wants to be in control

of all we do if we just seek His will. We are to pray for the right decision and trust him to lead us in the path of His righteousness. He will reveal His will, answer your questions, and show what is best. After taking the previous **Steps to Guidance** there are four other **Helps To Spot Guidance**. (1). **Follow Bible Instruction**. Two kinds of Bible verses need to be considered. There are prohibiting verses and action verses. Many times the Bible will answer your question by clearly saying don't. For instance, "*Love not the world*" I John 2:15. Or "*Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another*" Lev. 19:11. Being familiar with many verses that clearly warn of sin, will help your decision. When we were kids and strayed near a danger our parents spoke up in warning. Many times a Bible verse will give clear warning and positive direction. Like a loving parent, our God can steer us, hand in hand, to the right conclusion. Other verses are action verses, which promise strength and wisdom to do right. "*Thy word is a lamp into my feet and a light unto my path*" Psm. 119:105. Many verses issue commands and challenges to the child of God. Watch for them and underline them in your Bible. (2). **Gain Help From Other Believers**. "*Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God, whose faith follow*" Heb. 13:7. If you are in a good church with a Godly pastor, by all means seek his advice. Ask for a time to sit down and consider the decision you face, and the best course to follow. Make him your close friend and confidant. He cares for you, the problem you face, and will help the decision process. Use also the Godly friends around you, who by age and experience, may have walked the path before you. God intends His people to love and help one another. Share your problem with a trusted friend whose life mirrors a close walk with God. Don't clam up and hide your problem, but share your dilemma, and ask what they think. Believers

should love to help one another. Mature friends can often provide the wisdom you need. "*In a multitude of counselors there is safety*" Prov. 11:14. Furthermore, **Watch The Events** around you. Stop and ponder your steps and watch to see the developments around you. Walk with a willing heart before God, and He will reveal by events around you the next step. He does not want you to waste time on some sideline of confusion. He knows your capabilities, and desires the best for you. In Gen. 24:27 Abraham said "*I being in the way, the Lord led me.*" I think of my young life. My mother kept every evangelist and missionary in our farm house during special meetings. My bedroom walls did not contain pictures of sports heroes but the men of God, who shaped my developing life. Look at the opportunities around you to serve God and be a blessing to others. Get involved in what is going on, that glorifies God. Be a willing, obedient follower and around you there will be things you can do. (4) **Lastly, Listen To The Spirit**. Paul in Acts 11:12 said "*The Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.*" He sensed the leading of the Spirit, as he walked in his daily journey. We certainly need to do the same. The closer you walk with the Lord the clearer you will see His will. We all have made decisions which seemed to us the right thing to do. Earthly wisdom can play a part, but couple that to the clear leading of God's Spirit, and it is a formula for success. Lay out the whole question before God asking for His direction. He stands ready to help for He has promised "*Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world*" Matt. 28:20. You are never alone, for He is with you in every situation. The will of God should be our constant focus. We were born in His time and place, to accomplish His will. He will not withhold His heavenly direction, if we honestly seek His will. **Only one life, twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last. Amen!**