

## **“How to Know the Will of God”**

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1. Determine first & upfront to submit to the Lord’s will.
2. Do not make your decision based upon feelings or impressions.
3. Seek the Spirit of God’s guidance through the Word of God.
4. Take into account all providential circumstances.
5. Ask God in prayer to reveal His will to you.
6. Be honest with God and yourself about your desires.
7. Make a deliberate judgment through prayer, study of the word, and consideration of providence.
8. Do not doubt or turn back if you were given peace once you have determined in God’s light that your will and His will are the same.
9. Ask the Lord to close the door providentially if it is the wrong thing or the wrong time.
10. Determine to thank God and decide before the prayer is answered that you will trust Him either way.
11. Determine to wait on God for as long as it takes for Him to answer.

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- ***spiritually sustains us - Jn 4:34***
- ***determines future activity - Rom 15:32***
- ***decides our occupation or ministry 1 Cor 1:1; 2 Cor 1:1***
- ***ordains our suffering - 1 Pet 4:19***
- ***directs church leaders oversight & shepherding - 1 Pet 5:2***
- ***determines our destiny 1 Jn 2:17***
- ***gives us confidence in our prayers - 1 Jn 5:14***
- ***for us is sexual purity - 1 Thes 4:3***

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