"How to Know the Will of God"

God's will is more "how to be" than "what to do" it concerns the attitude of the heart.

- 1. Determine at the beginning 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. Ask counsel of those in authority over you and those who are godly particularly the elderly and mature Christian.
- 8. Make a deliberate judgment through prayer, study of the word, and due consideration of God's providence.
- 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.
- 12.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.

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