

God's Will and You

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I. Introduction.

- A. The determining of God's will is often a matter of faith. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- B. We want to know how to determine the will of God, but there is no one, two, three formula.
- C. There are basic principles incorporated into our lives in order to know the will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)

II. Our bodies should be presented as living sacrifices.

- A. We should not use God as a divine crystal ball.
- B. We must be totally prepared to do God's will. (John 7)
 - 1. God is not in the business of satisfying curiosity seekers.
 - 2. We must be open to all the options.

III. We should not be conformed to the prevalent thought among the non-Christians.

- A. If we do nothing, the world will squeeze us into its mold.

IV. We should approach life as God would approach it.

- A. We should seek to see things from God's point of view.
- B. We are given this point of view through a Spirit directed study of the Word of God.
- C. We gain this point of view by experiencing God's leading. God may be leading even when we do not understand. We have to put him first. (Hebrews 11; Isaiah 55:11; Luke 5)

V. Practical suggestions.

- A. Consider soberly God's past leading.
- B. Consider circumstances. (Revelation 3)
- C. Get counsel.
 - 1. Be sure the person is unbiased having your interest and God's interest at heart.
 - 2. Be sure you give them all the facts.
- D. Be willing to change. (Acts 16:6-7)
- E. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. (Colossians 3:15)

VI. Conclusion.

A. God has a plan for your life. (Psalm 138:8; Ephesians 2:10)

B. He will guide you. Your anxiety comes from a lack of trust and a lack of patience.

Application questions:

1. What are some prerequisites for receiving God's guidance?

2. What tips would you give someone seeking to know God's will?

3. How have you experienced God's leading in the past? Have you ever heard wrongly? Explain.
