

Discovering God's Will for Your Life

Applying the Principles



When it comes to knowing God's will, we are to seek God's *wisdom*.

Wisdom is skillful living. Wisdom knows how life works and is the expertise to achieve successful, even beautiful results.

Proverbs 2:1-6 "My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³ yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

How do we get this wisdom?

1) Search the Scriptures

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Some may object: *What about the Spirit?* Yes – the Spirit speaks thru God's Word:

Hebrews 3:7-9 "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years."

2) Get Godly Counsel

Proverbs 12:15 "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice."

Proverbs 19:20 "Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."

3) Pray to God

- That God would help you understand His word (Ps. 119:18)
- Ask for wisdom (James 1:5)
- Ask for a heart that's willing to obey God; not be stubborn or fearful (James 1:6, John 7:17)
- Pray for a heart that trusts God. Pray for humility and teachability. Pray for the gospel to spread. (James 1:19-21)

4) Make a Decision!

Scenario #1 – Work

1) *Search the Scriptures: What does the Bible say about work?*

2) *Get Godly Counsel*

3) *Pray*

4) *Make a Decision...*

Scenario #2 – Marriage

1) *Search the Scriptures: What does the Bible say about marriage?*

2) *Get Godly Counsel*

3) *Pray*

4) *Make a Decision...*

