

The Way Forward
Finding God's Will

Acts 16:1-10

1. Sometimes it's a matter of *expediency with knowledge* (1-3)

1 Cor 7

¹⁹Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God.

Galatians 5

⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

Galatians 6

¹⁵For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

2. Sometimes it's a matter of *collective discernment with integrity* (4-5)

It must be unbiased; not beginning with a conclusion, but reaching one

Acts 15

3. Sometimes it's a matter of *opportunity/circumstance with purpose* (6-7)

this certainly assumes deliberate movement in a God-purposed direction

4. Always it's a matter of *conformity to God's revealed will* (8-10) 23 times

1 Thess 4

⁴Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. ²For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. ⁸So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.