

HOW TO FIND GOD'S WILL
Selected Scriptures
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1. God's _____ Will

I.e., 'God Always Gets His Way'

Key Scriptures: Eph.1:11; Dan. 4:35; Ps.103:19; Rom.1:10 & 15:32; Jm. 4:15...
(Cf. also Ps. 135:6; Ps. 139!; Isa. 46:9-10; Matt. 10:29-30, etc.)

Including all sin, evil and tragedy: Gen. 50:20; Acts 2:23 & 4:28; Rom. 8:28

2. God's _____ Will

I.e., 'God Points Out the Way' – Not how things are, but how they ought to be.

For the unbeliever—1 Tim.2:4 (cf. 2 Pet.3:9, etc.)..

For the believer—Matt. 7:21; 1 Thess.4:3; Eph.5:17ff; 1 Pet.2:15, 4:19; 1 John 2:15-17, etc...

Summary verse for #s 1 & 2:

3. God's _____ Will ??

GOD'S DEFINITE, PERSONAL WILL FOR YOUR LIFE!

Why spend endless hours agonising and wondering what God's plan is for your life, even in the most trivial things? Below is a list of *43 guaranteed things God definitely wants you to do right now*, drawn from just three texts:

Rom. 12:9-21, Col. 3:12-17 and 1 Thes. 5:12-22.

Imagine how much longer this list could be once you combine the rest of Scripture; God has already revealed so much to us in His all-sufficient and perfect Book! People who focus more on what God's revealed will for us in Scripture tend also to make wise decisions about all those other areas the Bible does not explicitly address.

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| 1. Acknowledge those who lead you and admonish you, esteem them most highly in love because of their work | 26. Do not be proud |
| 2. Admonish the undisciplined | 27. Do not be conceited |
| 3. Comfort the discouraged | 28. Do not repay anyone evil for evil |
| 4. Be patient | 29. Bless your enemies |
| 5. Do not pay back evil for evil | 30. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good |
| 6. Always pursue the common good | 31. Be merciful |
| 7. Constantly pray | 32. Be kind |
| 8. Persist in prayer | 33. Be humble |
| 9. Be thankful at all times | 34. Be gentle |
| 10. Always rejoice | 35. Live in harmony with one another |
| 11. Do not extinguish the Spirit | 36. Be devoted to one another |
| 12. Do not treat prophecies with contempt | 37. Show eagerness in honoring one another |
| 13. Examine prophecies and teachings | 38. Bear with one another |
| 14. Be full of the word of God | 39. Help those who are weak |
| 15. Let the peace of Christ control your heart | 40. Forgive one another |
| 16. Hold fast to what is good | 41. Associate with the lowly |
| 17. Stay away from every form of evil | 42. Teach and exhort one another with all wisdom |
| 18. Love genuinely | 43. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with grace in your heart toward God |
| 19. Hate evil | |
| 20. Serve the Lord enthusiastically and zealously | |
| 21. Endure when in suffering | |
| 22. Contribute to the needs of the saints | |
| 23. Be hospitable | |
| 24. Bless those who persecute you and do not curse them | |
| 25. Empathise deeply with all | |

Next, see [Ephesians 5:18-6:20](#) for many more examples of God's specific, personal, direct will for *your life!*

A BIBLICAL DECISION-MAKING FUNNEL

The Specific Issue: [you fill in the blank, whatever it is]

The Strategy—Take any decision through this funnel (so that you can have a renewed mind and mature conscience, Rom. 12:1-2, etc.)

1. What are the PRIORITIES & PRINCIPLES from Scripture?

• In your Godward relationships

→Who owns me? (Ps.100:3; Prov. 3:6; 1 Cor.6:19-20) / →What is His chief desire?—To be magnified, to see sinners saved (2 Pet.3; 1 Tim.2), and to see me grow in Christlikeness (Rom.8:29, etc.) / →So what will most glorify Him (1 Cor.10:31) and grow me? Am I just seeking what is most comfortable, or what will make me most Christlike? / →Is this specifically identified as a sin in Scripture? (Ps.119:9,11, etc.) / →Can I do this in full faith, with a clear conscience? (Rom.14:23; the “holding principle”) / →Would I be embarrassed if a spiritual leader saw me doing it? If so, does that reveal that I wouldn’t want God seeing me do it? (Prov.5:21; Heb.4:13) / →Will I regret this decision when I stand before Christ at the judgment seat? (2 Cor.5:9-10; 1 Jn.2:28) / →Do I have an eternal mindset, remembering how temporal this life is? (Php.3:20; Col.3:1-2)



• In your manward relationships with the church & the world

→Would this hinder my testimony to unbelievers? (1 Cor.9:19-23) / →Would this cause my brother to stumble? (Rom.14) / →Am I setting a good example for other believers to follow? (2 Thess.3:7-9; Php.3:17; 1 Tim.4:12) / →Will this master me and make me its slave, or am I willing to hold loosely to it? (1 Cor.6:12)



2. What WISE COUNSEL have I been given?

→Have I carefully pursued wise counselors? Did I start with those who know me best and will be most honest—e.g. parents and trusted friends? (Exod.18; Prov.11:14; 15:22; 20:18; 24:6; 27:9,17) / →Have I gathered all the necessary information? (Prov. 13:16; 14:15, etc.)



3. What about PERSONAL FACTORS?

• Upbringing

→How has my background and culture influenced and prepared me with certain desires and abilities?

• Skills

→What are my skills and training? / →What appears to be my spiritual gift(s)? / →What have others affirmed as my skills and gifts?

• Desire

→What would I enjoy doing the most? (1 Tim.3:1; 1 Cor.7:39; Ps.34:7; Eccl.11:9)

• Opportunity & Timing

→In God’s providence, what opportunities are presently before me? (Prov. 19:2; 21:5)



4. Am I in PRAYER?

→Have I had an attitude of prayer throughout this decision-making process? (Prov. 16:3; 1 Thess.5:17; Eph.6:18) / →Am I especially asking God for wisdom and guidance *in obeying* His moral law? (Ps.5:8; 119!; 139:24; 143:10; James 1:5-8)



5. PROCEED!

→What am I waiting for?! Am I giving in to some fear, such as fear of failure or a ‘wrong decision’, instead of trusting God’s great providence and all-sufficient grace? (Prov. 3:5; 14:23; 16:9; 2 Cor.9:8; 12:9-10)



The Decision:

The Determination—To move ahead with a clear conscience, not worrying, but trusting in a sovereign, all-wise, good and gracious God who is working out His perfect will for my good and His glory!