

Occasionally I get asked this question: "how can I know God's will for me?" That is a very important question. Fortunately, the Bible provides an important answer:

### **Knowing (How to Know) God's Will**

Proverbs 3:1-9 (esp vs 6). It starts with knowing God, having faith in God, surrender to and following His will

1 John 3:22. Reinforces the importance of loving, surrendered heart obedience

John 10:10. Faith is important, knowing/believing that God wants to give you an abundant life will make it easier to accept His leading

Romans 12:2. Of course, that requires a renewed mind/heart - a renewal He will bring about to the surrendered/willing

James 1:2-3. God sometimes allows trials to come to perfect/refine our faith so He can ultimately work out our good

Luke 22:42. Even Jesus Christ, as a human, surrendered His will to the Father's. That is why he can also help us do the same

John 6:38. Jesus, our example, said His desire was to do the Father's will. That needs to be our goal/desire

John 17:4. Jesus confirmed He had been faithful to do the Father's will, and as such, anticipated restoration. When we do/follow the Father's will we can also anticipate/expect God's blessings.

Jeremiah 29:11-13. God promises He has an abundant, hope & peace filled plan for you, but you must search for Him with your full heart, no holding back, no reservations.

John 16:24. God invites us to ask, to petition His throne for our needs.

\*1st Holy Scripture/The Bible. To know God's will for our lives we must know Him and His ways. Scripture is the most important and reliable way. It is His primary way to reveal Himself and His counsel and truth to use.

2 Peter 1:19-21. We need to be willing to heed what it says, surrendering our will/desires to His

\*2nd the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit who inspired those who wrote the Bible. They were the writers, but God the Spirit was the author.

John 16:13-15. The same Holy Spirit that inspired the Scriptures will guide you in understanding their meaning

1 John 4:1. Scripture says to test the spirits we think are guiding us because many people will claim they are following the Holy Spirit, when in actuality they are either following their own desires or a satanically inspired plan.

Isaiah 8:19,20. Don't consult with anything of satanic/occult origins. Test everything by the truths of Scripture

\* 3rd Godly Counselors

Proverbs 11:14. Find and get counsel from godly people, people who know/understand/follow God's word themselves. But test what the advise by Scripture too!

\*4th Providence God will lead

Isaiah 30:21. God will help you to know His will - if you are searching with a full surrendered heart.

Acts 16:6-10. Ask God to open the right doors or close the wrong ones. Be prepared to act on His answers, but don't complain if His answers and leading aren't what you desired

Isaiah 55:6-12. Throughout the entire process, keep seeking God and asking Him to reveal His will for you. Keep trusting His love and that His plans for you are for your greatest welfare and joy!

Matthew 25:21. This life will still be full of trials. Things in this life will not always make sense to us or go according to our hopes. But we need to remember that "when it's all said and done", this present world is not our home. Heaven and the earth made new are. And us being there is God's ultimate desire for us. And the ultimate plan He has for us. 😊

Jeremiah 6:16,19. Tragically, many will not seek or follow God's will or His plan for them. This will be the tragic result of those who choose not to seek and flow God's will for them. This tragic end is their choice, their doing, their fault; not God's.

Philippians 4:19. Its also comforting and helpful to know, and believe, God's promise that He wants to provide for ALL your needs ! 😊