

# 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?

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

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

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