

## God's Will

For you to know Him

He is more concerned about how you live your life than where.

## Knowing God's Will

Talk to Him.

Do what you know to do.

God will not reveal the next step until you take this one.

Do good.

Be strong.

Stay with it.

## NEXT STEPS

*Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.*

**If we really want to know God's will, the following promises are always true:**

1. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. *Hebrews 11:6*
2. Humble yourself before the mighty hand of God and He will lift you up. *1 Peter 5:6*

**What resources do we have in order to find God's will?**

- God's Word – "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105
- The Holy Spirit – He teaches us. 1 Corinthians 2:10-16
- Our own mind – "A spirit of power, love, and a sound mind" II Timothy 1:7
- Circumstances of life – Open and closed doors – for example:
  - The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob Genesis 30-45
  - Paul the Apostle in prison Acts 16: 22-34
- Godly counsel – brothers and sisters in Christ who are wise and whom you trust

**The Bible, God's Word, is His revealed will. Some things about God's will are obvious from God's Word.**

For example:

- Live a pure, God-pleasing life 1 Thessalonians 4:3
- Go to church and fellowship with other Christians
- Tithe my income and my time
- Refrain from lying, cheating, stealing, drunkenness, adultery.
- Live as a person who respects the rights of others
- Fulfill my responsibilities as a son, daughter, husband, wife, father, mother

- Be baptized after being saved
- Take responsibility for my own spiritual growth
  - Study the Bible
  - Have a prayer time
- Bring my earthly life under the leadership of Christ  
Romans 8
- Use my Spirit given gifts in the church
- Support my pastors and teachers
- Tell others about Jesus and what He means to me

REAL LIFE. REAL GOD. REAL STORIES.

Use this space to write your story of God answering prayer.

God's will often unfolds very differently than we expect. One example of this is found in an interesting story in 2 Kings 5:1-15. After reading the story, answer the questions below.

How do Naaman's expectations of how God would heal him compare to how it actually happened? Why do you think Naaman was so angry at how God chose to heal him?

What can we learn about how we and others respond to God's will from this story?

In order to live out the simple and clear will of God, we need more than knowledge, willpower and effort. We need the power that only God provides. How does each verse below connect our obedience to God's will with God's provision of power?

Philippians 2:12-13

Ephesians 5:15-21

John 15:4-5