
Is God's will a blueprint or a game plan?

A Blueprint: Spells everything out in great detail.

A Game Plan: Sets general guidelines with an occasional specific play. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 13:1-4 compared with Acts 16:6-10 & 15:36-40

Following God's basic game plan.

It's found on a **highway called obedience.**

Proverbs 4:18-19 & Proverbs 28:9; Proverbs 14:6; 1:23-33 & Romans 1:18-32; 2 Peter 1:3-12; 1 Corinthians 7:8-35; Psalm 37:4; 1 Peter 4:19; 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; Mark 4:35-41 & Exodus 14:1-31

Start with what you know intuitively.

Next, follow the Bible's clear commands.

Relax, remember you have lots of freedom.

A valley doesn't mean a wrong turn.

Before asking God where to live, what job to take or what college to go to – ask, “Am I . . .”

Following Christ 2 Peter 3:9 & 2 Corinthians 8:5

Controlled by the Holy Spirit Ephesians 5:17-18

Thankful 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Submitting to authority 1 Peter 2:13-15 & Ephesians 6:6

Miracles & Messes: How God leads in special situations

When God has a special plan, it's usually revealed one step at a time.
See Abraham's story in Genesis 12:1–25:8

If I've messed up God's "Plan A," there's always a "Plan B."
Jeremiah 18:1-8/ Ezekiel 18:21-28/ 1 John 1:9

God's simple game plan- Love God & Love your neighbor
Matthew 22:36-40

Read Psalm 33:6-11.

How might a solid grasp of the truth in this passage impact your confidence in following God's game plan for your life?

How do obedience and trust in God effect each other?

The “obedience factor” can be hard for many people. We want to know God's will but not necessarily to follow it. Blessing follows obedience plain and simple.

What steps can you take to grow in obedience?

What is the next right thing you know to do but have not done?

The question, "Am I controlled by the Holy Spirit?" may be the most difficult to get our mind around. The following verses will help you better understand what it means to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Look up each one and jot down how it adds to your understanding of what the Holy Spirit offers us and how He leads us?

John 16:5-16

Romans 8:5-17

Ephesians 5:15-21

Job 32:7-9

Isaiah 11:1-3

Isaiah 61:1

When God's game plan includes a specific plan for our life, He usually reveals it one step at a time. In 2 Kings 5:1-15, a man named Naaman learned this principle first hand. Read his story and then jot down why you think Naaman was angry about being asked to take the first step and wash in the Jordan.

What did God ultimately reveal in this miracle?