

How to Know the Will of God?

All of us have questions about our life. We want to know what education path to take; we want to know what career to pursue; we want to know where to live; we want to know who to marry, etc. How do we know God's perfect will for our lives? There are three ways by which we can know God's will:

1. Prayer

By prayer and waiting on God, one can ascertain the will of God.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." (James 1:5-6)

2. The Word of God

God never contradicts His word. The handbook for our lives is the bible. Everything revealed in the bible is God's will for our lives.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

"Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors." (Psalm 119:24)

3. Godly Counsel

Sometimes we are blind to our situation and we need a mature brother or sister in the Lord to correct us and to guide us. God gave the elders of the church extra wisdom and discernment and it is beneficial for us to listen to their counsel for they watch out for our souls (Heb. 13:17).

"Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety." (Proverbs 11:14)

"The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding." (Proverbs 15:31-32)

"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:17)