

A Vision for Disciplemaking
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Discovering & Doing the Will of God
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Description: Have you ever wished that the physical Presence of our Lord Jesus were beside you to guide you in God's will? It is to our advantage that He went away! (John 16.7) We have a Helper that is better for us than the physical Presence of our Lord. There are certain steps that can be applied in knowing God's will, but it involves more than methods. We'll dive past such methodology to also address the Spirit's role in knowing God's will and the outworking of obedience. Rom 8 esp. vs 14

I. Introduction

1. Sources

I will follow you, O God - *Jerry Bridges*
Discovering God's Will - *Warren and Ruth Myers*
Hearing God's Voice - *Henry & Richard Blackaby*
The Purpose Driven Life - *Rick Warren*

Our condition:

2. Consider your Creator

3. Consider you're made

4. Consider the circumstances

5. Consider the time

6. Consider the Body

7. Consider the consequences

***Stay focused: Rom. 8.28,29 - to be like Christ. Supernatural event - Heb. 12.1-3.
Like Christ Jn 20.21, Mtt. 28.18-20 (revolving command)***

What Makes the Believer Different? *I Corinthians 2.12*

1. We can _____ our God - He _____ to us and we to Him through prayer.

2. With your new life in Christ you have the _____ to _____ and _____ God's Word. (Jn. 14.26, 16.13)

3. Our _____ and _____ are shaped by God.

4. We have a spiritual _____ that acknowledges a Sovereign in control and lovingly arranging all of the events in our past.

5. The recognition of _____ provided by the indwelling Spirit - and with these a unique ability to minister. (I Cor. 12.11)

6. In asking 'who I am' in the decision-making process another difference between the believer and the unbeliever is the examination by _____ (James 1.21-25, Heb. 4.12).

7. We too have the great gift of the _____ and we are to use this, but we also have the _____ witnessing to our spirit. (Rom. 8.16)

8. We can grasp God's _____ in the midst of life's tough circumstances.

9. We can _____ all that God desires through His indwelling power. (Phil. 4.12,13)

10. We have the miraculous _____ of the Body. (Eph. 4.11-13)

11. We can _____ God's perspective that goes beyond mere reason envisioning how God may affect results in the future.

Others?

I Am' s
From the Gospel of John

| Verse | Who He is | His Ability | Our response |
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| 6.35 | | | |
| 8.12 | | | |
| 10.9 | | | |
| 10.11, 14, 17 | | | |
| 11.25 | | | |
| 14.6 | | | |
| 15.5 | | | |

Worldly responsibility is our response with our ability. Spiritual responsibility is our response to God's ability.

For further study. Note the `I ams' of God the Father out of Isaiah chapters 41 to 51 (there are approximately 14). From these two passage (Isaiah and John) compare Who Each is and what Each has done. How should you respond?

God's Will

What is God's will for you?

Revelation 4.11 -

John 1.12, 13, Galatians 1.4 -

John 6.39, 40, I John 2.17 -

I Thessalonians 4.3, Hebrews 10.5-10 -

Col. 1.9, 10, 4.12 -

Phil. 2.12, 13 -

Ephesians 6.6 -

I Thessalonians 5.18 -

Jesus' Example John 6.38 -John 4.34 - How is doing God's work like food?

Was obedience to the Father's will hard for Jesus? Luke 22.41-44

Lived out in us

Our job - John 14.15, 21, 23, 15.10, 14 -

God's job - John 14.13, 14, 15.7, 16, 16.23, 24 -

Result - John 14.12, 15.2, 5, 8, 16 -

Further study - Note Jesus' many purposes in coming out of John 17.

Seasons of Life

From the Ecclesiastes 3.1-8, cr. Psm. 90.12

Season (Ages):

Characteristics

Spring

Summer

Fall

Winter

Conscience

We should strive as Paul did to have a blameless conscience both before God and before men (read Acts 24.16 cr. Acts 25.8). What is one way to have a clear conscience before men? (be specific) Rom. 13.1-5.

Which has priority, a clear conscience toward God or man? (I Pt. 2.19, 20, 3.16, 17, cr. Acts 5.29).

Can our conscience be damaged? How? I Tim. 4.2, Tit. 1.15

Can our conscience be too sensitive? How? I Cor. 8.7

Can we affect another's conscience by defiled and damaged? How? I Cor. 8.10-12

What enables a clear conscience? Heb. 9.9, 14, 10.19-22, I Pt. 3.21-4.2

From the following verses, can you think of some questions you may ask in the decision making process that may help you answer God's will following a Spirit-led conscience?

I Cor. 6.12

I Cor. 8.9,10.32 (Cr. Eph. 3.5)

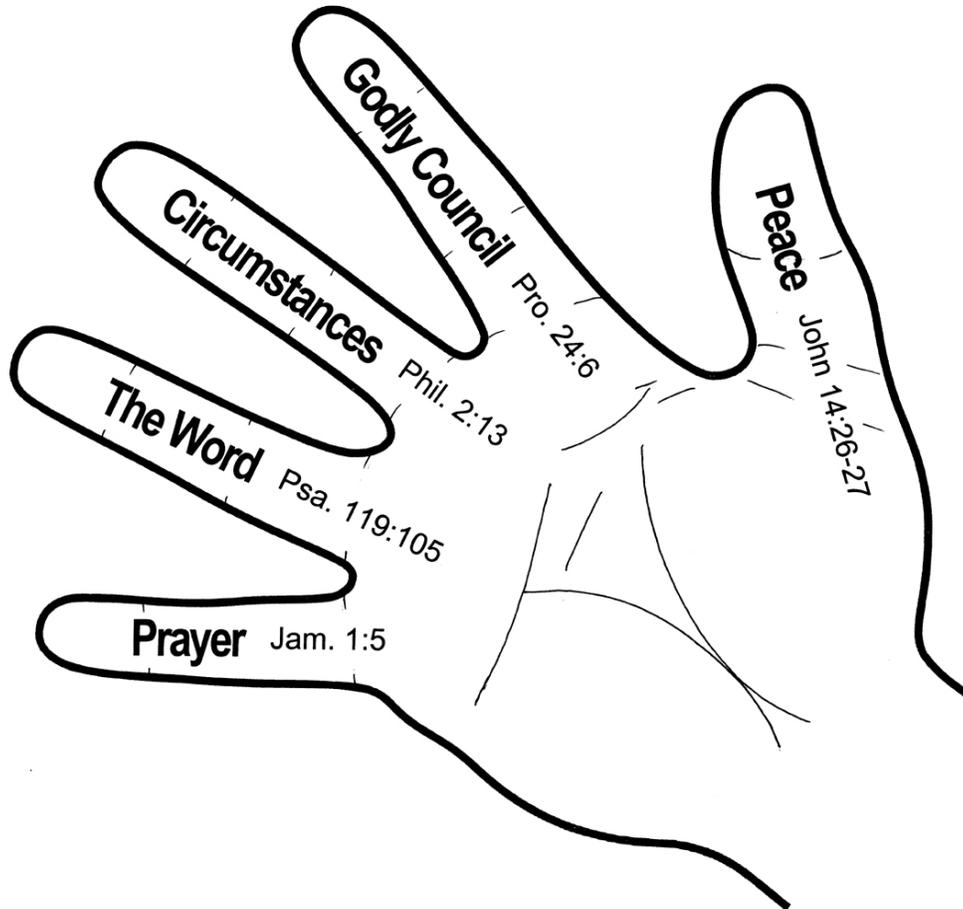
Rom. 14.5, 23

I Tim. 1.5 says that love springs from a good conscience also from a pure heart and a sincere faith. How do you think a clear conscience enables production of true love?

God's Will Hand

How to Discern the Will of God

George Mueller - 9/10ths of knowing God's will is to be willing to do it no matter what it is. (Romans 12:1)



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| Prayer | James 1:5; | Phil. 4:6,7 |
| The Word | Psalm 119:105; | Psalm 119:130 |
| Circumstances | Philippians 2:13; | Acts 8:1,4,5; Rev. 3:7-8 |
| Godly Council | Proverbs 24:6; | 11:14; 12:15; 15:22 |
| Peace | John 14:26-27; | Isaiah 26:3; 32:17 |

P.S. Don't be impatient. If no peace – WAIT. Isa. 30:18; Ps. 27:14; Isa. 28:16