

GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE

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Every believer should desire to do God's will. Sometimes we honestly do not feel like obeying God... but as a general rule, hopefully, we do make an effort to know His will and obey it. Romans 12:2 says that God's will is good, acceptable and perfect. That sounds pretty fantastic to me! However, sometimes we get all tense because we are worried that somehow we will make a wrong turn and end up at a dead end. If we follow some basic principles from the Scriptures, we can proceed with confidence that we are acting according to God's will for our life.

1. The Lordship Of Christ

Am I fully obeying God in everything that I already know from His Word? (Psalm 66:18)

Am I willing to do God's will, no matter what it is? (Luke 9:23)

2. The Word Of God

What teachings, commandments, or prohibitions in the Scriptures have to do with my decision? (Psalm 119:105, 130)

3. Prayer

Am I praying specifically about this? (Psalm 143:10)

4. Advice From Mature Believers

What do those who know me well think about this? Am I avoiding the advice of someone because I think I will not like what they say? (Proverbs 15:22; 19:20)

5. Peace

Do I have peace about proceeding, or do I have serious reservations? (Philippians 4:6-7; Colossians 3:15)

OTHER PRINCIPLES TO CONSIDER

priorities/circumstances/timing

How does this affect my goals for the future? (Acts 20:24)

Carefully consider the circumstances. (Revelation 3:7)

Is this the right time? (Psalm 27:14; Joshua 1:9) Do I wait or move ahead?

It can be helpful to make a list of pros, cons and alternatives. But even when we follow all these good principles, we should remember that "a man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9).

Never base your decision solely on your feelings! (Jeremiah 17:9)

