

Great Expectations
When You Are Looking For More From God

1. Look at _____

John 4:34 *My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.*

John 5:30 *I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.*

John 6:38 *For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.*

Luke 22:42 *Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.*

Matthew 6:10 *...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

2. Make God's will _____

John 9:31 *...he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will.*

a) Fully surrender _____

Romans 12:1 *Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God.*

b) Pray with _____

James 4:15 *"If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.*

c) Make decisions based _____

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

d) Start to listen for _____ from God

John 10:16 *They will listen to my voice...*

George Mueller's 6-Point Strategy for Finding the Will of God

1. Get your own will out of the way

"I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter....Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever that may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is."

2. Feelings are the sure path to delusions.

"Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions."

3. Seek the will of the Spirit in connection with the Word

"I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined... If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them."

4. Consider providential circumstances

"Next, I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit."

5. Get on your knees in the throne room

"I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright."

6. Make a deliberate judgment, and then keep testing it with prayer

"Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge; and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly."

Luke 6:39 *Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.*

Ephesians 6:6 *As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart.*