

Great Expectations
How To Discover What God Wants

1. _____
God, I will say yes to this or no to this. Just show me what you want.

Matthew 26:39 *My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.*

2. Check _____
2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

Does the Bible have anything to say about this?

- *Read the Bible daily
- *Consult people who know the Bible
- *Pray the Bible back to God

3. Look for _____
Acts 16:9-10 *That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.*

Are there circumstances in my life that may indicate God's direction?

4. Wait for _____
2 Corinthians 2:12-13 *When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity for me. But I had no peace of mind because my dear brother Titus hadn't yet arrived with a report from you. So I said good-bye and went on to Macedonia to find him.*

Do I have peace about this decision?

Isaiah 48:17 *I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow.*

- *God is a "planning" God
- *God has a plan for my life
- *His plan for me is always what's best for me (Not easiest)
- *He will guide me if I depend on Him

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1. I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in a given matter. When you're ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be, nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome.
2. Having done this, I don't leave the result to feeling or simply impression. If I do so, I leave myself liable to great delusion.
3. 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 I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.
4. Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.
5. I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.
6. Thus, through prayer, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment, according to the best of my ability and knowledge. If my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly. I have found this method always effective in trivial or important issues.

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Colossians 1:9 *So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

Romans 12:2 *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*