

This Is My Year
How To Let God Be Your Guide

Psalm 23:1,3 *The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need...he leads me beside peaceful streams...He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.*

1. I have to _____

a) I have to believe that _____

Isaiah 53:6 *All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own.*

God, I believe that you know best.

b) _____

Matthew 6:9-10 *Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

Key: When I don't have peace _____

c) I make the _____

Romans 12:1 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

d) Let opportunities and problems _____

Psalm 32:8 *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.*

Tell Him You need Him

Ask God for guidance

Claim His promise

Neutralize your will

Thank Him while you wait for Him to guide

The area in my life I most need to surrender control is _____

“My Lord, I have treated You like a servant. When I wanted You I called for You. Now I give You this body from my head to my feet. I give you my hands, my limbs, my eyes and lips, my brain. You may send this body to Africa, or lay it on a bed with cancer. It is Your body from this moment on.”

Walter Lewis Wilson

If I listen and stay close, He will guide me.

Sample Prayer When You Need God's Guidance

Tell Him You need Him: *Jesus, I need your help. I have this decision to make and I have no idea what the right one is...*

Ask God for guidance: *So I'm turning to you for guidance.*

Claim His promise: *You PROMISED in Psalm 32:8 that you WILL instruct me, teach me, and counsel me. So thank you that you are already starting to guide me as I listen to you.*

Neutralize your will: *I'm not telling you what to do. I'm asking you. It is not my will be done. It's your will be done. Show me what you want and I will do it.*

Thank Him while you wait for Him to guide: *While I wait, thank you that I know you are already working. I can't wait to see what you do.*

Resign as master of the board (Like a board game)

If I have surrendered, if I have put God in control, then I can release all outcomes...I don't have to carry the weight of the world anymore. I can be open to face each day with a sense of wonder, gratitude, freedom, relaxation, and delight because God – not me – is now the master of the board. John Ortberg