

Refinery Sessions
When The Way Forward Is Unclear

1. _____
Ephesians 3:6 *And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus.*

Key: _____

Matthew 6:33 *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

2. Don't let your _____
Matthew 13:20-21 *The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.*

1 **Peter 5:7** *Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.*

3. _____
Psalms 78:20 *Yes, he can strike a rock so water gushes out, but he can't give his people bread and meat.*

Matthew 7:11 *So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.*

We must then continue in prayer until the blessing is given to us. Furthermore, we have to believe that God does hear us and will answer our prayers. Frequently we fail in not continuing in prayer until the blessing is obtained and in not expecting the blessing.

George Mueller

Surrender Personal Desires: Müller's first step was to ensure his own will was surrendered. He wrote, "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." He believed that the primary barrier to discerning God's will was personal desires and biases, so he first aimed to neutralize them, seeking only God's will.

Avoid Dependence on Feelings: Müller was careful not to rely on feelings or impulses, as he believed these could be misleading. He viewed faith and God's guidance as based on Scripture and prayer, not on emotions or circumstantial signs.

Seek God's Guidance in Scripture: Müller strongly emphasized the role of Scripture in discerning God's will. He believed that God speaks primarily through His Word, so he would carefully study the Bible for guidance. He felt that the Holy Spirit could impress specific verses upon him that provided direction for his decisions.

Consider Circumstances Providentially: While Müller did not depend solely on circumstances, he did believe that God could guide through them. He would interpret situations in the light of what he had learned through prayer and Scripture, seeing how the circumstances aligned with his understanding of God's will.

Ask for God's Confirmation in Prayer: Müller committed his decisions to God in prayer, asking for peace and clarity. He believed that when his will aligned with God's, he would experience an inner peace that confirmed his direction.

Wait on God's Timing: Müller often waited patiently, trusting that God's timing was essential. He did not rush decisions, as he saw waiting as a way to gain further clarity and to ensure his dependence on God.

Observe Inner Peace as Affirmation: For Müller, peace was a final sign that he was on the right path. If, after prayer, study, and waiting, he felt peace about a decision, he saw this as confirmation that he was following God's will.