

HOW CAN I KNOW GOD'S WILL?

"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."
Eph. 5:15-17 (NIV)

I. WHAT IS GOD'S WILL?

- IT'S NOT A _____
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- GOD'S WILL IS A _____

"... God [has] invited you into this wonderful friendship with His Son, Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:9 (LB)

II. HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL

1. _____ THAT I NEED GUIDANCE

"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way."
Ps. 25:9

2. _____ IN FAITH FOR DIRECTION.

"If you want to know that God really wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you, for He is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; but ... be sure that you really expect Him to tell you ... If you don't ask in faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer." James 1:5-6 (LB)

3. _____ FOR GOD'S RESPONSE.

"God does speak – sometimes one way and sometimes another – even though people may not understand it." Job 33:14 (NCV)

4. _____ GOD WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Pr. 3:5-6 (NIV)

"Your road led by a pathway through the sea – a pathway no one knew was there!" Ps. 77:19 (LB)

"The steps of a man are established by the Lord... When he falls, he shall not be hurled headlong because the Lord is the one who holds his hand." Ps. 37:23-24 (NAS)

6. _____ ON WHAT I ALREADY KNOW TO DO.

"Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, is sinning." James 4:17 (NCV)

"Don't boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." Pr. 27:1 (NIV)

"When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools." Eccl. 5:4 (NLT)