

## Knowing God's Will And Discerning our Call

**"Teach me Thy way, O Lord."--Psalm 27:11.**

*2 Timothy 3:15-17 15and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

*16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

*Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

**1.** Knowing and discerning God's will begins with reading his Word. Are you in His Word enough to give Him an opportunity to reveal his will? How, through scripture do you determine God's will for your life?

*John 14:26 26But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you*

"And if you are not sensitive enough to detect His voice, you will quench it, and your spiritual life will be impaired".-Oswald Chambers

**2.** The Holy Spirit helps you understand His truth and will for your life, yet it is often a quiet voice that we must listen carefully for. How do you hear His quiet voice? Have you been obedient to his voice in your calling?

*Luke 16: 10-11 10"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?*

*Matthew 6:33-34 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

"The only time we really have to know and do God's will is in the present moment. We are to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves". -Jerry Sittser

**3.** Is your focus to discover Gods will based on obeying His daily call, or is it an anxious attempt to foresee His plan for your future? How is Luke 16 an encouragement to obey God's daily call?

*Jeremiah 23:20 "The Lord will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In the days to come you will understand it clearly."*

"We discover our calling by embarking on a journey. We have to travel to get where God wants us to go. We learn by trying, by experimenting, by doing. Our calling is inseparable from the journey"-  
-Jerry Sittser

**4.** What have your past and present experiences revealed to you about your call?

*Psalms 37:4 Trust in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Proverbs 19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days.*

"God guides us through his Word, then through our heartfelt desires, then the wise counsel of others, and then our circumstances. At that point we must rely on our own sound judgment...God gave each of us a brain, and he expects us to put it to good use". -Bruce K Waltke

**5.** How have you discerned your call through His Word, His Spirit, your desires, wise council, and circumstances? If not, what areas can you further explore?

### Discussion Guidelines:

1. Allow everyone a chance to speak. If you are bursting with ideas and tend to share a lot – great – but occasionally pause a bit before you go, sometimes the quieter ones are just waiting for their chance and they need a little space before they go.
2. Respect the opinions of others, and refrain from giving advice.
3. Keep discussion focused on the material being studied.
4. Maintain the confidentiality of personal things shared within the group.