



## Know God's Will

### Learning how God leads us.

This study assignment is to be completed by the Disciple on their own. If the Disciple has any questions please put them in your Bible study section and see your Discipler. Also, look up each Bible verse in this study.

Here are some important facts about God leading you through His Word:

1. In your soul you can receive information, remember and reason.
2. God can show you...
  - a. Revelation – God will reveal to you things about Himself or about His ways.
  - b. Interpretation – God will show you what the Bible means.
  - c. Application – God will show you how the Bible is to be put to work now in your life.
3. How does God lead us through His Word? Read **Hebrews 4:15-16, James 1:5, Romans 8:14**
4. Being led by God must be important to you.
5. Develop a listening heart.
6. There are some things that can keep you from being led by God:
  - a. Good Christian books, devotionals and Christian magazines.
  - b. Religious radio and television.
  - c. Ideas from young and immature Christians.
  - d. Not having a pure heart.
7. There are some hindrances to being led by God:
  - a. Busyness. God can lead you when you give Him time.
  - b. Not getting alone. God can lead you when you give Him attention.
  - c. Not recognizing God's leading. Read **1st Samuel 3:1-10**. The more you get to know God, the more you will recognize His leading.
  - d. Trying too hard. Remember God is in control. Think about how He has led you in the past.
  - e. False ideas. Allow the Word of God to change your thinking in every area.
  - f. Assuming you already know God's leading. Especially in areas of: your traditions, your natural talents, in areas where you think you are strong but are not, in areas where you have strong feelings, and rebellion.
  - g. Not obeying God's leading, double-mindedness. Read **James 1:6-8**. Wanting to know what God's leading is so you can see if you want to do it or not.



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### 8. How do you recognize God's Leading?

- a. It will always be personal. Read **John 10:2-4**.
- b. It will always be in agreement with His Word.
- c. God will teach you about Himself and His Ways. He is your Father. Read **Psalms 32:8**
- d. God is interested in your growth and character.
- e. God deals with attitudes and principles.
- f. God is interested in every part of your life.
  
- g. God's Spirit convicts you of specific sin. He will bring to your mind and heart what you have done. False leading would give you a feeling of guilt but would not identify any specific sin.
  
- h. God's Spirit will bring to your heart and mind how to take care of the sin. False leading would offer no solution and as a result the guilt increases.
  
- i. God's Spirit will convict you but will always communicate His love and your worth as a child of God. False leading always attacks.
  
- j. God's leading will always want you to build relationships with others, not destroy them.
  
- k. God's leading will always increase our faith or require faith.
  
- l. God's leading will bring encouragement, peace and hope, even if the task He has given you is hard.
  
- m. God's leading will not allow you to be selfish.
- n. God's leading will produce thankfulness and praise to Him in your heart.

### 9. False leading . . .

- a. puts thoughts in your mind that cause you to despise someone.
- b. puts thoughts in your mind that cause you to reject someone.
- c. puts thoughts in your mind that cause you to speak evil of someone.
- d. produces a grudge against someone.
- e. produces fear.

10. Read **Colossians 3:15**. The peace of God is your judge to determine God's leading. With the peace of God there is no: doubt, anxiety, concern, restlessness, suspicion, dread, worry, nervousness, misgiving, uneasiness, fear, tension, or panic.

11. With the peace of God there is: hope, trust, optimism, confidence, security, expectation, and tranquility. Read **2nd Timothy 1:7**.



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### **Practical Pointers for Knowing and Doing the Will of God from George Mueller, a Christian who saw God answer prayer and made an impact for God's Kingdom.**

I love the thoughts that George Mueller put together as he summed up the way he entered into a heart relationship with God and learned to discern God's voice:

I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own concerning a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people generally is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the knowledge of what His will is.

Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

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.

Next, I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

I ask God in prayer to reveal His Will to me aright.

Thus, (1) through prayer to God, (2) the study of the Word, and (3) reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly.

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