GOD'S WILL

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"Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Eph. 5:17)

Three UNRELIABLE sources of guidance:

I. Don't rely on Romans 12:2 "Don't be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Phillips: "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold."; Exodus 23:2 "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong..."

A. The majority is often _____!

II. Don't rely on 1 Corinthians 16:8-9 "But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me."

A. Circumstances often _____ God's will!

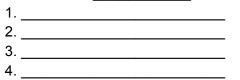
III. Don't rely on Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

A. Your heart will you. Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Prov 28:26a "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool." (NKJV)

Three **RELIABLE** sources of guidance:

I. God's will is found in Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

A. How does it _____ me?



II. God's will is found in John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me " A. It takes _____ to listen. (1 Sam 13) III. God's will is found in Proverbs 15:22 "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed " A. Pick your carefully! 1 Kings 12:8 "But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were advice him " serving him." **BONUS!** Six things you don't need to about: It's God's will that ... 1. I be filled with the ______. Ephesians 5;17-18 "... understand what the Lord's will is: Do not get drunk with wine ... instead be filled with the Spirit." I live a & disciplined life-style. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 "It is God's will that you should be holy, that you should avoid sexual immorality, and learn to control your own body in a way that is holy ... " 3. I maintain an attitude of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, <u>for this is God's will</u> for you..." 4. I be a law abiding ______. 1 Peter 2:13-16 "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men ... <u>for it is God's will</u> that by doing good, you silence the ignorant talk of foolish men." No one goes to ______. 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is <u>not willing</u> that any should perish, but that everyone comes to repentance."

B. God's will never God's Word.

6. Everyone goes to ______. John 6:40 "My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life ... "