

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 _____.

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

A. How does it _____ me?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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

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 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."

2. 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, **for this is God's will** 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 ... **for it is God's will** that by doing good, you silence the ignorant talk of foolish men."

5. No one goes to _____.
2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is **not willing** that any should perish, but that everyone comes to repentance."

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..."