

Where To Get Guidance

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"Success is knowing God's will and being right in the center of it" - Unknown

"Be VERY careful 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." **Ephesians 5:15-17**

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 _____ (Feelings).

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?

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."