

Knowing God's Will (Proverbs 3:5-6)



Knowing God's Will

- “⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

(Proverbs 3:5-6)



Outline

- Introduction
- Pre-Conditions in Seeking God's Will
- Five Keys
- Asking for a Sign
- Conclusions

Pre-Condition: In Sin?

- “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” (Psalms 66:18)



Pre-Condition: Sensitive to His Voice

• Daily Devotion



Pre-Condition: Ready to Follow?

- “⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

(Proverbs 3:5-6)



How God Reveals His Will



Five Keys in Knowing God's Will



Five Keys: 1) Vision

- “During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ” (Acts 16:9)



Five Keys: 2) His Word

- “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalms 19:105)



Sensitive to His Voice

- Daily Devotion



Five Keys: 3) Guidance from Holy Spirit

- “Do not put out the Spirit's fire.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)



Five Keys: 4) Advice of Spiritual Mentor



Five Keys: 5) Confirmation of Environmental Conditions



Five Keys in Knowing God's Will



Asking for A Sign

- “³⁶ Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised-³⁷ look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."³⁸ And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.



Asking for A Sign

- “ Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew."⁴⁰ That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.” (Judges 6:36-40)



Asking for A Sign

- “² While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off..” (Acts 13:2-3)
- Fast and Prayer
- Asking for Reasonable, Logical Signs



Major and Minor

- **Our Perspective**

- Schooling
- Jobs, Ministry Direction
- Marriage...



- **God's Perspective**

- Know and Experience Him
- Enjoy Him
- Be More Like Him
- Help Others Know Him
- Glorify Him