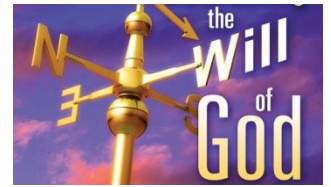


# Knowing the Will of God

## Selected Scriptures



- \* We can understand God's will through His \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16-17). God's Word is perfect, and we can discover God's plan for our lives through our study of it.
- \* We can better understand God's plan for our lives by closely \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Rom. 12:1-2, 1 Peter 4:2, 1 Thess. 4:3-7).
- \* We can discover God's plan through \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 4:12). The Colossian believers needed to know and do the will of God, and so Epaphras prayed for them.
- \* God sometimes reveals or confirms His will for us through \_\_\_\_\_, including personal circumstances, relationships, or even dreams we must be careful to evaluate such means by what God has clearly said in Scripture.
- \* It is important to know God's will. God's will is \_\_\_\_\_. As we seek God's will, we should make sure what we are considering is not something the Bible \_\_\_\_\_. Also, we should make sure what we are considering will \_\_\_\_\_ God and help us and others grow \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Knowing God's will is sometimes difficult because it requires \_\_\_\_\_. It's natural to want to know all of God's will at once, but that's not how He usually works.
- \* Often, we want God to give us \_\_\_\_\_. God allows us to make choices, and, if we are yielded to Him, He has ways of preventing wrong choices (Acts 16:6-7).
- \* If we are walking closely with the Lord and truly desiring His will for our lives, God will place His \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts. The key is wanting God's will, not our own (Ps. 37:4).
- \* To know God's will, we must hear God's \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:27). These are the sheep who hear and recognize His voice, because they know Him as their Shepherd.
- \* We hear His voice when we spend time in Bible \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of His Word. The more time we spend intimately with God and His Word, the easier it is to recognize His voice and His leading in our lives.
- \* While God could speak audibly to people today, He speaks primarily through His written \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes God's leading can come through the \_\_\_\_\_, through our \_\_\_\_\_, through \_\_\_\_\_, and through the exhortations of other \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* By comparing what we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth of Scripture, we can learn to recognize God's will.