



KNOWING GOD'S WILL

'What should I do when I finish my study?' 'How do I know who to marry?' 'What does my future hold?' We all have questions like these. When we give our lives to Jesus we discover that God has a plan and purpose for our lives.

1. GOD HAS A PLAN FOR OUR LIVES

✝ What promise does God give about the plan He has for our lives?

Jeremiah 29:11 _____

✝ Why is it wise to ask God to show us his plan rather than following our own?

Psalms 139:1-3, 16 _____

1 Corinthians 1:25 _____

God knows us better than anyone else. In fact God knows us better than we know ourselves! He is the one who created us and has a special purpose for our lives. How can we know what He wants us to do?

✝ What does God promise to do so we can know His plan for our lives?

Psalms 32:8 _____

✝ What must we do if we are going to know God's will for our lives?

Proverbs 3:5-6 _____

Romans 12:1-2 _____

If we want to know God's plan for our lives then we need to ask Him to show us what to do, and trust that He will do as He has promised.

💡 Has there been a time when you know God has guided you and shown you what to do? Share.

2. HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S PLAN?



A. READ THE WORD OF GOD

God has already shown us how he wants us to live in his Word. We learn about our relationships with others, about money, our attitudes to authority, and many other things. If God has already told us, He does not need to tell us again. When His instructions are clear we just need to follow them.

💡 What are some examples of God's instructions or commands that we already know? Discuss.

There are times though when it is not so clear what we should do but God has given us guidelines or principles that will help us make the right decisions.

† What are the guidelines or principles in these verses?

Matthew 6:33 _____

1 Corinthians 8:9 _____

1 Corinthians 10:31 _____

1 Peter 1:15 _____

However, sometimes there is no clear command or principle to follow, but God can still speak to us through His word.

† How is God's word described in Psalm 119:105? _____

† What can the Holy Spirit do to help us? John 16:13 _____

As we read God's word the Holy Spirit can quicken or 'make alive' a verse to show us what to do. If you want to find God's plan for our live it is important to read the Bible every day.

B. LISTEN TO GODLY ADVICE



† What will a wise person do?

Proverbs 12:15, 15:22 _____

When we are making big decisions it is good to ask the advice of a Godly person we can trust. They should not make the decision for you, but they can help confirm if we are going the right way or not.

C. KNOW GOD'S PEACE

† If we are going the right way what will we have in our hearts?

Colossians 3:15 _____

When we are going the wrong way we may feel unsure and uneasy inside. It is good to stop and pray about the decision again. However when we are on the right path there will be peace in our hearts assuring us we are doing what God wants. God has a wonderful plan for your life and He promises to guide you so you know what to do. Spend time with Him by reading His word and listening to His voice. Jesus said that we are His sheep and we will recognize His voice. He will lead us to the right path.



Do you need to make any important decision that you would like to pray about? Pray for one another.

Memory Verse

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6