



Equipped Disciples Resource Series

Discerning God's Will Worksheet

As we train and equip Christians to reach their world for Christ, the topic of 'How do I know God's will for my life?' comes up a lot in our training. This worksheet is designed to help you develop an intimacy with God and an understanding of how to hear from God about your life and future ministry. For additional context on this topic, please listen to Episode 5 of The Catalytic Podcast, found on our website at OneEightCatalyst.org

Pre-Flight

Read Ephesians 2:10 - According to this verse, does God have a plan for you when He created you?

Read Romans 12:1-2 - What prerequisites do we see in this passage for us to do before we can seek God's will for our lives?

Step 1: Must be Connected to the Vine

As we've studied the Bible in this area, it seems to focus mostly on our need to cultivate intimacy with God, but doesn't say much about methods of determining His will. God cannot be manipulated by impatient demands. Instead, our path toward His will come forth as we are growing in Him and trusting Him more and more. Read these passages and make notes on what you observe:

John 15:4-7

Psalms 73:23-24

Step 2: Examine Your Walk for Areas of Disobedience

We must be obedient in the things God has already made known to us. God's guidance ceases when it is unaccompanied by our acceptance. If we are serious about knowing and doing the will of the Lord, we should examine our lives to see if we are disobeying in areas He has already made clear.

As you read and study 2 Corinthians 13:5 and examine your faith, how do you do at 'passing the test?'

Jesus makes it clear that He expects us to obey His commands as we have relationship with Him. Read these passages and assess how you are doing in this area:

John 14:15

Luke 6:46



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Step 3: Continue to Grow In Christ

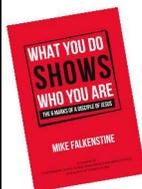
Psalms 37:23-24 says, 'The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way, though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.' It is when we delight in and deepen our relationship with God that He shows us his 'steps' for our lives.

As we deepen our walk with the Lord, our goal should be to know Him and become a disciple of Jesus. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be in relationship with Jesus and seeking to be like Him. Trusting, obeying and listening to Christ is what a Christian does. And just like anyone you are in a close relationship with, you know their voice when they speak. Read these passages and make notes on what you see here:

John 8:47

John 10:27-28

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We have created a great book resource to help you become a fully-devoted and equipped Disciple of Jesus. Designed for a small group and Sunday School class setting, it's a great resource to go through to help you grow in your walk with Jesus and abide in Him, learning how to deepen your relationship which leads to an ability to hear from Him and understand His next steps for your life.

Principles for Guidance as You Seek God's Will

1. What Does the Bible Say?

As we've grown in our intimacy with God, determining what the Bible says about a decision we are trying to make is critically important. Gaining a daily habit of prayer and Bible reading allows us to know what God is saying about certain areas of our lives. Psalm 119:105

2. Having a Clear Conscience in the Process

In Acts 24, the apostle Paul took 'pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and Man.' Making big decisions means we think of how they affect our love for God and those around us. As we grow in Him, our conscience becomes more attuned to Him and His desires for our lives.

3. Consideration of Circumstances

We know that God is in control of the circumstances of our lives. Romans 8 reminds us that 'we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his

purpose.' Taking into consideration the gifts, experience, education and aptitude God has given you should be taken into consideration.

4. Seeking Out Godly Counsel

Proverbs is full of verses that clearly show us (Prov. 11:14, 12:5, and 15:22) that heeding wise counsel is very profitable. God uses wise and Godly people to bring perspective that is both instructive and corrective.

5. What Has God Written on your Heart?

Our President, Mike Falkenstine often asks people the question, 'If financial considerations were irrelevant, what would you want to do with the rest of your life?' The answer to this question is instructive in that many times the answer is the thing God has placed on our hearts. The apostle Paul puts it this way, 'it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.' As God is working in you as you abide in Him, he is guiding you toward His will for your life in career and relationships.

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