

CHECKING THE COMPASS

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL, PART 3

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The Bible is the most important source for guidance in God's will

Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.
Proverbs 119:24

How Can I Use God's Word To Find God's Will?

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."
Isaiah 55:8-9

- **We cannot trust our own reasoning when attempting to discover God's will.**

1. God's Word Shows Us How

- When you were growing up, you eventually started to "figure out" your parents, because you knew them well.
- In a sense, God wants us to "figure him out," by getting to know him well.
- By immersing ourselves in God's word, we can eventually begin to:
 - see as God sees
 - think as God thinks
 - act as God acts

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...
Romans 12:2

- **When our minds are renewed by God's word, then we can test and approve (or figure out) what God's will is.**

2. God's Word Reveals His

Principle: An unchangeable truth which describes the way God operates.

Examples of principles:

- You reap what you sow.
 - You become like those you spend time with.
 - The foundation built in a child will impact the rest of their life.
 - A person who is trustworthy in small things will be trusted with large things.
 - Unconditional love is the most powerful force there is for healing and change.
 - Moral purity now leads to greater intimacy later.
 - To gain authority from God you must be under authority.
 - Maximum freedom in life comes from being under God's authority.
- **Every decision you make will interact with one or more principles from the bible.**
 - **The more familiar you are with God's principles, the easier it is to see the will of God, because you start thinking like God thinks.**