

Discussion Questions

- 1 How can I know the will of God?
- 2 In what ways should you expect God to speak to you?
- 3 How do you feel about the idea of being guided by God?
- 4 How do you respond to the idea of God having a plan for individual people?
- 5 In what ways do you think God might reveal His plan to you?
- 6 What should you do if you believe you have made a mess of your life?

Read Proverbs 16:1 - 9 God Guides Us and Directs Our Ways

- 1 What conditions does God attach to guiding us?
- 2 What promises of success does He offer?
- 3 How does this picture compare with your own experience?
- 4 With so much confusion in the world, how do we know that God can lead us?



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Introduction

God promises to guide us

- Psalm 32:8
- John 10:1 - 4

God has a good plan for our lives

- Jeremiah 29:10 – 14
- Romans 12:1 – 2

We need to consult God before making major decisions

- Isaiah 30:1 – 2

Jesus is the supreme example

- Luke 4:1
- John 5:19 – 23

Our attitude needs to be one of humility

- Psalm 25: 9 – 14
- Luke 1:38
- Psalm 37:5 - 6

Commanding Scripture

God's general will is revealed in scripture

- 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17

God's particular will is not always clear in scripture

- Psalm 119:105
- Psalm 119:130 – 133

Compelling Spirit

God often speaks to us as we pray

- John 10:3 – 4
- 1 John 4:1 – 3
- 1 Corinthians 14:3
- Colossians 3:15

God sometimes speaks to us by giving a strong desire to do something

- Philippians 2:12 – 13

God sometimes guides in more unusual ways

- Acts 11:27-28
- Acts 21:10-11
- Acts 16:10
- Acts 12:7
- Matthew 1:20
- Matthew 2:12 – 13
- Matthew 2:19
- Matthew 2:22
- 1 Samuel 3:4 - 14

Common Sense

Who is the controller?

- Psalm 32:9
- 2 Timothy 2:7
- 1 Corinthians 7:17 – 24

God's promises of guidance were not given to save us the problem of thinking – John Stott

- 1 Corinthians 7:17 - 24

Counsel of Saints

Who has wisdom?

- Proverbs 12:15
- Proverbs 15:22
- Proverbs 20:18

Decisions are your responsibility

Consult Godly Christians

Circumstantial signs

Watch the circumstances bit dip not put too much weight on them.

Sometimes we need to persevere despite the circumstances.

- Proverbs 16:9
- Acts 16:7
- 1 Corinthians 16:9

Conclusions

Don't be in a hurry—Hebrews 6:15

We all make mistakes, but God forgives and restores

- Joel 2:25
- Romans 8:28