

4: Time



Since God wants us to make the best decisions, God, *over a period of time*, continues to reinforce the same idea through His Word, advice from others, circumstances, etc. Therefore, do not make a major decision on a whim; instead, seek out God's will and give Him time to confirm His answer; He will do so in various ways, so be sensitive to His leading.

5: Circumstances



God is in control of all things; therefore, He can alter our circumstances in order to encourage us to go one way or another. For example: We may be considering three options; however, God could easily remove one option through various circumstances in order to narrow down our choice to two options. He will also show us the final decision; however, He will do so in *His time* and according to *His way*; therefore, be patient and always trust in Him.

Conclusion

God the Father loves us; therefore, He created all things through His Son and in conjunction with the Holy Spirit.

Then, when the people fell in to sin, the Father continued to love them and promised to send His Son. Then, in the fullness of time, the Son of God put on human flesh in the Person of Jesus.

Then Jesus lived without sin, as our perfect substitute; then He received the sins of the world – past, present, and future – as well as everyone's eternal punishment; then He declared His work finished and laid down His life; then the Father raised Him up on the third day; then Jesus showed Himself alive for 40 days; then He ascended into heaven with the promise that He will come again!

Now, *by grace through faith in Jesus*, we have the benefits of His saving work, as well as the Holy Spirit. Therefore, being saved and blessed in countless ways, let us seek, know, and follow the will of our great God.

I hope the contents of this brochure are helpful for you in seeking God's will for your decisions, *especially for the ones that are very important!* Pastor Green

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Knowing God's Will



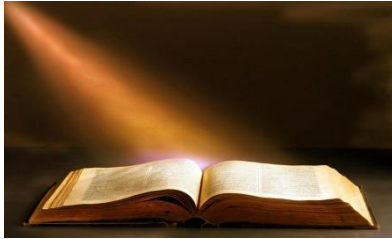
Introduction

Dear Friends! We all face many decisions every day:

- ✦ Some decisions aren't so important:
 - "Should I have toast or cereal for breakfast?"
 - "Should I listen to talk radio or music during my drive to work?"
- ✦ But other decisions can be very important:
 - "Should I go to this college or that trade school?"
 - "Should I join this congregation or the other one down the road?"

Therefore, I'm glad you are reading and I hope you will continue – *as I seek to give you some very important advice about how to seek and know God's will for your life!*

1: Bible



The Bible is the very word of God the Father, so, as we read it or hear it, God is talking to us through the words He inspired and moved men to write down:

- ✦ ^{NAS} **2 Peter 1:20-21** But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. As a sailboat cannot move without wind, so those who wrote down the Bible could not write God's Holy Word until God the Father, by the Holy Spirit, moved them to write His very words! Therefore, as we read the Bible, we can and should fully trust what it says! *God speaks through His Word to show us His will!*
- ✦ ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is inspired by God [thus, God-breathed] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God

may be adequate, equipped for every good work. Therefore, God the Holy Spirit works through the Bible to

- ✦ teach us God's truth,
- ✦ express disapproval wherever we are sinning,
- ✦ show us the correct way to go, and
- ✦ train us for living right; *that desire is a result of God's work to make us right in His sight through the saving work of Jesus!*

2: Prayer



Prayer is talking to God with our words and our thoughts:

- ✦ God knows everything in advance; however, He wants us to go through the process of taking everything to Him in prayer.
- ✦ As we tend to talk often with our best friends, so praying keeps us close to God.
- ✦ Praying should take place constantly. ^{NAS} **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- ✦ Praying is a trade: We give God everything that we are anxious about and, in return, He gives us His perfect

peace. ^{NAS} **Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- **Prayer:** Normal talking to God.
- **Supplication:** Earnest, serious talking to God.
- **With thanksgiving:** Even as we have troubles and needs, God calls us to see our many blessings, take our eyes off of our troubles and needs, and give Him thanks.

3: Advice



Advice should be sought from other Christians. Those of the world tend to have one perspective on life while Christians – *who are in the world but not of the world* – tend to have a different, God-pleasing perspective on life. Therefore, *if you want godly advice*, go to people you know who have a good and right understanding of the Bible.