

"It is God's Word that explains to us how to be open, dependent, and responsive to God's Spirit. Although there is a subjective side of the Christian life, without God's Word one loses an objective standard. God's Word is the fuel that keeps the fire of prayer and worship burning in the soul of the person yielded to the Lord." - Bill Thrasher

How Can I Know What God Wants Me to Do?

I. Conditions for Receiving God's Guidance

- A. Jesus Christ must be my Lord (John 14:21)**
- B. I must have a clean heart (Psalm 66:18-19)**
- C. I must walk in faith (Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; James 1:5-8)**
- D. I must resist the devil (James 4:7)**
- E. I must persist in prayer (Luke 18:1-5) and fast as He may lead (Isaiah 58:1-11)**

II. Methods God May Use to Speak to Me

- A. His written Word - the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16)**
- B. The counsel of the Godly (Psalms 1:1&2)**
- C. Circumstances (Philippians 4:10-13)**
- D. My sanctified desires (Psalms 37:4)**
- E. Supernatural means (Be especially careful when relying on any of these!)**
 - 1. Dreams while asleep (Genesis 37:5-11)**
 - 2. Visions while awake (Genesis 15:1-6)**
 - 3. Angels (Matthew 1:20)**
 - 4. An audible voice (Matthew 3:17)**
 - 5. An inner conviction (Isaiah 30:19-21)**

"Except for those things that are specifically commanded or forbidden, it is God's will that we be free to exercise our own intelligent choice. The shepherd will lead the sheep, but he does not wish to decide which tuft of grass the sheep shall nibble each moment of the day. In almost everything touching our common life on earth God is pleased when we are pleased. He wills that we be as free as birds to soar and sing our Maker's praise without anxiety. God's choice for us may not be one, but any one of a score of possible choices. The man or woman who is wholly and joyously surrendered to Christ cannot make a wrong choice. Any choice will be the right one." A.W. Tozer

