

I. Guidance: how we know the _____ of God in making decisions in our lives.

A. Epaphras' prayer of the Colossian church (Col. 4:12)

II. God does _____ His people (see Israels History)

- Through Christ Jesus (*cf. Jn 8:12*)

A. Knowing that God is guiding us, is one of the great _____ of the Christian Life.

B. Trust in God's _____ to guide us in every season and through every situation of life, is the _____ factor for the Christian to grow up into spiritual maturity.

III. God's guidance has an element of _____.

A. His ways are higher than our ways. (Isa 55:8-9)

B. God guides His children through the mystery of iniquity (2 Thess. 2:7)

C. God's word teaches us to not be _____ by what we see and to follow Him by what we hear in His word (ie Jn. 10:3-5; Rev. 13:1)

IV. Two competing views concerning God's guidance for the Christian:

A. George Whitefield & Jonathan Edwards

B. Paul's prayer for the Colossian church: Colossians 1:9-14

C. The Spirit & the Word _____ in us (Jn 6:63)

a) see Luke 24:45 & John 14:26

V. Who God Guides

A. Those who have accepted His will for salvation, are willing to do God's will for their life. (*cf. Col 1:13-14; Jn. 10:27*)

B. Those wanting God's guidance, seek His will and not their own (Col 4:12)

VI. How to know the will of God

A. The _____ of the _____ is in us (*cf. Ps. 25:14*)

B. _____ the word of God

- a) Gods word will lead you (cf. Ps 119:105)
- b) Treasure it and let it rule your hearts (Ps. 119:11)

C. _____ the word of God into every day practice (cf. Jn 7:17)

D. Pray for the _____ and direction in the way you should go.

- 1. God leads through _____ (Jn. 16:13)
- 2. Isaiah 30:21 - *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

Looking Ahead:

1. What from this weeks message, stood out to you?

2. Read Colossians 4:12.
 - What can we learn from this verse? What questions do you have?
 - Do you think that there is a link between: knowing the will of God, the believers assurance, and spiritual maturity? Explain.

3. And his message Pastor Jacob said that God's guidance has an element of mystery. (see Isaiah 55:8-9; 2 Thess. 2:7)
 - How would you counsel a believer who spiritually paralyzed concerning discerning Gods guidance? They may be feeling that God is not speaking to them, or be confused when attempting to discern the voice of God?
 - How would you counsel a new believer who has excitement and zeal for the things of God and feels that God is directing them to do something but it doesn't seem to be inline with the word of God or His character. This situation could potentially a ploy from the enemy to distract them from the path that the Lord has or even knock them off completely.

4. Pastor Jacob mentioned two competing views concerning hearing the voice of God and his guidance.

- George Whitefield - Gods guidance comes suddenly and immediately through impressions or impulses made on his mind and heart. Spirit focused light on accountability to the Word.
- Jonathan Edwards - God's guidance comes through the application of His commands and principles found in the Word. Light on Gods spontaneous voice.
- How would you characterize how are you here and discern God's voice?
- What can we learn from George and Jonathan?

This weeks scripture reading:			
Nov. 2 - Monday	Proverbs 25	Psalm 58-59	
Nov. 3 - Tuesday	Proverbs 26	Psalm 60-62	
Nov. 4 - Wednesday	Proverbs 27	Psalm 63-65	
Nov. 5 - Thursday	Proverbs 28	Psalm 66-67	
Nov. 6 - Friday	Proverbs 29	Psalm 68	
Nov. 7 - Saturday	Proverbs 30	Psalm 69	
Nov. 8 - Sunday	10:15a Worship Gathering		

When you journal remember SOAP:

Scripture - One verse that spoke to me. (write it out & its reference)

Observation - General observations concerning my verse.

Application - What God might be saying to me, through this verse?

Prayer - My prayer, concerning the application of this verse (summarize it)

Please share with Pastor Jacob what God has been saying to you, teaching you, or a testimony that you may have during this season.

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ANSWER KEY:

I. will

II. guide

B. blessings

C. sovereignty ... stabilizing

III. mystery

C. deceived

IV.

B. working together

V.

VI.

A. fear ... Lord

B. Study

C. Apply

D. illumination

1) His Spirit