



## Listening for God's Will

**Parameters:** There are certain things that God is extremely clear about. These are black and white, right and wrong.

**Eph. 4:25** So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.

**Principles:** There are certain principles that God has given us to help us determine what is right or wrong in varying situations although they may not be black and white.

**1Cor. 8:9** But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble.

**Roles:** We all have roles that we fill in our lives. God has told us how to operate in those roles.



**Eph. 5:25** For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her.

**Col. 3:21** Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

**Giftedness:** God has given each of us specific gifts for impacting the lives of those around us. Where can you use those gifts best?

**Rom. 12:6-9** In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

**Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.**

**Experiences:** God has brought you through your past to prepare you for your future.

**Moses (Moses was prepared to lead Israel by growing up in Pharaoh's household and then becoming a shepherd in the dessert.)**

**Input:** In consulting wise men and women of God you will hear God clarifying this process and bringing new insight into the decision.

**Prov. 15:22** Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.

**People:** God does not call us to careers. He calls us to people. Ultimately, who are the people He wants you to impact?

**Acts 19:21-22** Afterward Paul felt compelled by the Spirit to go over to Macedonia and Achaia before going to Jerusalem. "And after that," he said, "I must go on to Rome!" He sent his two assistants, Timothy and Erastus, ahead to Macedonia while he stayed awhile longer in the province of Asia.