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Knowing Gods will

“I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.” Psalm 40:8

How to know the Will of God?

Is this decision consistent with the Word of God?

Is this a wise decision? What will be the consequences?

Do I have genuine peace about this decision?

Does it fit who I am as a follower of Jesus Christ?
Language, actions, responses, testimony, witness, influence.

Will this decision honor God?

Will this decision result in unrest and regret.

Obstacles to Gods Will

Our own will

An exalted view of God brings a clear view of sin, and a realistic view of self.
A diminished view of God brings a reduced concern for sin, and an inflated view of self.

Influence of other people

Let God speak to you learn to hear his voice.

Ignorance of God’s Word

You won’t know Gods will if you don’t know Him and His word.

Impatience - Learning to wait on God

His timing is perfect

Learning to trust God and leave the consequences to Him

THAT’S LIVING BY FAITH

Sin in our life

Deafens our ears to the voice of God

Blinds our eyes to the vision of God

Hardens our hearts to our awareness of God

(God does not bless sin, disobedience and indifference to Him and His Word)

Dulls our conscience to the Word of God

Sin will take you farther than you wanted to go
Keep you longer than you wanted to stay

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." **I John 1:9**

Doubt

God has a personal plan/will for my life
He'll walk with us through that plan
He'll provide everything we need
There will be difficulty, hardship, pain, suffering and loss
He will work all things together - Romans 8:28

Too Busy

It takes time to be a Godly person
He desires to spend time with you

Fears

Fear of what God may require
God will only require what He knows you can do with His help

Failure

We all fail. We all sin. Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
Failure isn't final
Don't turn a moment into a monument

Criticism

If you live a Godly life, you will be criticized

Are you walking in the Will of God?

The safest place to be is in the center of the Will of God.
Nobody else can put you there, but you.