

## How to Discern GOD's Will

*Scripture Reference: Ephesians 5:15-18*

I cannot give you a \_\_\_\_\_ to perfectly know GOD's Will for your life, because GOD is too grand, too mysterious, and too amazing to box HIM in with simple equations. But I have discovered some \_\_\_\_\_ that have helped me walk with HIM over the years (but not without \_\_\_\_\_).

### **Ephesians 5**

1. "So then, be careful ( \_\_\_\_\_, alert) how you \_\_\_\_\_,"  
(deliberately \_\_\_\_\_) **V.15**
2. "Not as \_\_\_\_\_ people (thoughtlessly, carelessly \_\_\_\_\_),  
but as wise." (intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ to respond and live as HE would want us to)
3. "Making the most of your \_\_\_\_\_ (because \_\_\_\_\_),  
because the days are \_\_\_\_\_." ( \_\_\_\_\_ and sick) **V.16**
4. "Therefore don't be \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_), but understand what  
the Will of the LORD is" **V.17**
5. "Do not get \_\_\_\_\_ with wine" **V.18** (Does avoiding \_\_\_\_\_  
help? Or does using drugs or alcohol to \_\_\_\_\_ make things better?)
6. "For that is \_\_\_\_\_" (A \_\_\_\_\_, loss)
7. "But be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit." (Fill yourself \_\_\_\_\_ first;  
nothing else compares)

### Considerations:

I. IF GOD \_\_\_\_\_ to know HIS Will? (some people say HE does not)  
Psalm 32:3    Jeremiah 29:11-13    Philippians 2:13

II. And we are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to do HIS Will?  
Matthew 6:33    Psalm 32:9    Psalm 40:8    John 7:17

**Warning:** Some of the reasons GOD the Father does now answer our prayers in the \_\_\_\_\_ we desire is,

A. HE is teaching us to love and trust HIM, even when we can't \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. 2 Cor. 5:7

B. HE is building our character into the \_\_\_\_\_ of HIS Son. Romans 5:3-5

### III. Here are some steps to help us know GOD's will:

1. Obeying the Principles from the \_\_\_\_\_. The Will of GOD will never \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 119:105, Mt. 24:35
2. \_\_\_\_\_. Praying about \_\_\_\_\_ is a good practice. Phil. 4:6-7 But developing a strong prayer life is where you develop a \_\_\_\_\_ with HIM by giving him \_\_\_\_\_ of consistent time ... is even better. John 15:1-10  
This \_\_\_\_\_ allows you to hear HIS Voice more consistently.
3. \_\_\_\_\_. Fasting is going \_\_\_\_\_ for a limited time, in order to sharpen your ability to \_\_\_\_\_ GOD's Voice. Skip lunch. Miss 3 meals. OR? Acts 13:2-3 - "While they were worshipping the LORD and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ' \_\_\_\_\_ for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'"
4. Following \_\_\_\_\_. "Let the peace of GOD \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart." Col. 3:15 If you do not have peace, \_\_\_\_\_. It is not the right time, the right person, or the right \_\_\_\_\_. Stop. \_\_\_\_\_. If you do not wait, it will \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Listening to those in \_\_\_\_\_ over us.
  - A. GOD has placed Authority over us to \_\_\_\_\_ and guide us. GOD will \_\_\_\_\_ as we follow their leadership. \_\_\_\_\_ and work to fulfill their wishes.
  - B. Four areas: \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 6:20-21), \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 13:1-2), \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 13:17), \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 6:5)
  - C. This is not " \_\_\_\_\_." If their requests seem unreasonable, learn to \_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 1:8-21
  - D. If appealing does not work, choose \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness' sake. Daniel 3 \_\_\_\_\_ do evil for anyone.

