



Understanding God's Will

The Power of Discernment

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Introduction

- ❖ Discern means to come to know, recognize, detect, or perceive.
- ❖ Discern also means to see or know the difference between a thing or situation.
- ❖ Discernment enables one to distinguish between right and wrong.
- ❖ To see or understand the difference between God's voice and the voice of others.
- ❖ The Greek word for knowledge "GNOSIS" = knowing through recognition, study, or experience.

How can we discern the Voice of God?

I. Through His Word

Psalm 119:105

There are some prerequisites to understanding God's Word:

- A. You should be a **Christian**. Romans 8:14
- B. You must be **wise**. Ephesians 5:15-17
- C. You must be willing to **obey**. John 8:31-59; John 7:16-20 MSG; I Samuel 15:22
- D. You must be willing to pray and **wait**. I John 5:14; Daniel 10:12-14
- E. You must be willing to give up some **of your comforts**. Acts 20:22-24

II. Through The Inner Prompting Of The Inner Spirit.

John 14:16-17; I Corinthians 6:19

- A. The Spirit **guides** us into truth.
- B. We must be willing to be **led**.

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III. Through The **Wise Counsel** and Qualities Of Other People

**Proverbs 1:1-6 MSG; Proverbs 1:7 NIV; Proverbs 4:7; Psalm 51:6; James 3:17 NKJV;
Proverbs 2:6**

- A. Pray for **covenant** relationship.
- B. Valuable friendships are **nourishing**.
- C. Understand the difference between **intellect** and wisdom. **Proverbs 28:26**

IV. Through the **Peace** of the Holy Spirit

Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:6-7

- A. Peace is not the absence of **chaos**.
- B. Peace can be a military **fortress**.
- C. Don't trip when you know **Jesus** is on board. **Mark 4:35-41**