

A STUDY ON DISCERNMENT

Our Decisions and God's Will

Ephesians 5:15–20 • Romans 12:2



Five Ways We Seek God's Will

How Scripture shapes a life of discernment



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God's Will



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Signs & Emotions



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Submissive Prayer



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Scripture



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Advice



PART ONE

What Is God's Will?

GENESIS 1:27

*“So God created mankind in his
own image...”*

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Exodus 19:5–6

Mark 1:17

DISCUSSION

What are the ways we seek God's will or make decisions in our post-modern American society?



PART TWO

Signs, Spirits & Emotions

JEREMIAH 17:9–10

“The heart is deceitful above all things...”

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:19

Psalms 37:4–6

Ezekiel 11:19

Proverbs 16:9

1 John 1:4

1 Thessalonians 5:20–22

2 Corinthians 11:14

1 Corinthians 1:20–24

DISCUSSION

How can our hearts deceive us in decision-making — and what are ways spirits can manipulate us into diverting from His will?



PART THREE

Submissive Prayer

MATTHEW 26:36–46

“Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 143:10

Ephesians 6:6

Philippians 4:4

1 John 2:17

James 1:5–8

DISCUSSION

What are ways we pray non-submissive prayers — and how can you pray more prayers of submission?



PART FOUR

Scriptures

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

*“All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful...”*

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12

Psalms 119:9

Deuteronomy 6:4–10

DISCUSSION

How does God's Word help us do God's will in our decisions?



PART FIVE

Advice

PROVERBS 19:20

“Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.”

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 11:14

1 Kings 12:6–8

Proverbs 13:10

Ephesians 4:2–3

Jeremiah 38:15

DISCUSSION

How can advice help you see God's will more clearly in your life?



Walking in His Will

Seek it in His Word. Test it in submissive prayer. Confirm it with wise counsel.



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