

ESSENTIALS TO DETERMINING GOD'S WILL - Part II

Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**

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DEFINITION: God's **determined will** is that which He has determined will occur. God has a pre-determined plan for each one of us. It is inevitable, unconditional, and irresistible and fixed

DEFINITION: God's **desired will** is that which He desires to occur. God's desired will calls for our human response, which leaves room for His desired will not to be fulfilled in us. We are more than capable of frustrating His desired will.

Last time we addressed five things that are specifically stated in Scripture as **God's (Desired) will**

One is that we receive **salvation**.

Reference: **I John 2:17; John 6:38-40** and **II Peter 3:9**

Two is we are **spirit filled**.

Reference: **Ephesians 5:17-18**

Three is we are to **submit** in doing right.

Reference: **I Peter 2:13-15**

Four is we are to be **sanctified**.

Reference: **I Thessalonians 4:3-5**

Five is we are to **say** thank you.

Reference: **I Thessalonians 5:18-19**

Principle: If we are fulfilling God's desired will then we have freedom to choose what to do on the basis of _____.

Reference: **Acts 15:22, 25, 28** and **34** (see screen)

Question: how do we determine what seems good to us?

Charles Swindoll has suggested three things and those things are:

_____, _____, and _____.

STEP ONE is **STOP** and examine God's _____.

Reference: **Psalms 119:105** (see screen)

God's instructions come to us in two basic biblical forms: **precepts** and **principles**

- Precepts are _____ and _____ instructions.
- Principles are more _____ and _____ instructions.

Example of a **biblical precept:**

Reference: **Exodus 20:14** (see screen)

Example of a **biblical principle:**

Reference: **II Corinthians 6:14-16** (see screen)

Definition: The **unequal yoke principle** is that Christians and non-Christians are _____ engage together in spiritual partnerships

STEP TWO is **LOOK** and there are three particular looks to this second stage:

LOOK up and ask God to _____ you what He wants
Reference: **Acts 9:6** (see screen)

LOOK in for _____ from the Holy Spirit.
Reference: **Romans 8:14; Acts 20:22** (see screen)

LOOK around and consider the _____.
Reference: **I Corinthians 16:9** (see screen)

STEP THREE is **LISTEN** to qualified _____.

Reference: **Psalms 16:7; Proverbs 12:15; Proverbs 13:10b** (see screen)

There are three steps to benefiting from qualified counsel

- Don't be afraid to _____ for counsel and advice.
References: **Proverbs 11:14; 24:6** (see screen)
 - Evaluate the _____ and advice-giver.
 - Evaluate the _____ and advice given.
- ✓ _____ have I been given much the same counsel?
- ✓ Have I made allowances for any _____, pro or con, a counselor or advice-giver might have?
- ✓ Am I in an _____ to act wisely on the counsel and advice?