

# 15 Steps to Knowing God's Will

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## 1. Confess Sin

I John 1:5-10 “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

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## 1. Confess Sin

I John 1:5-10 (cont.) and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”

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## 2. Pray, Ask for God's Will

James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

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## 3. God's Will will never be contrary to God's Word.

Ps. 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

Proverbs 6:22&23 "When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you. For the commandment is a lamp and law a light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life"

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Joshua 1:7&8 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper where ever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make you way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

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## 4. Die to self, Get to the point where you have no personal will in the matter

Proverbs 16: 3 “Commit you work to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established”

Proverbs 3:5&6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths”

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## 5. Get Good Advice

Proverbs 11:14 “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”

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## 6. Obey first, Feel like it second.

Haggai 1:12-14 “then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the Lord.

Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger spoke the Lord's message to the people, saying I am with you always

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## 6. Obey first, Feel like it second.

Haggai 1:12-14 (cont) Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, spoke the Lord's message to the people, saying, "*I am* with you, says the Lord. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God,

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## 7. Be patient, Wait

James 1:3&4 “knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

Ps. 25:4&5 “Show me Your ways, O LORD;  
Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth  
and teach me, For You *are* the God of my  
salvation; On You I wait all the day.

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## 7. Be patient, Wait (cont)

Ps. 27:14 “Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!”

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## 8. The decisions we make test faith against other authorities

Luke 5:5 "But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

II Cor. 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight"

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## **9. God always blesses obedience.**

Isaiah 1:19&20 “If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

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## 10. Don't insist on understanding the past

Isaiah 55:6-9 "Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

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## 11. Don't try to do God's work for Him.

### Pragmatic

1 Samuel 24:1-10 David spares Saul.

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## 12. Live one step at a time, First things first

Matt. 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

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## 13. Do everything to the Glory of God

1 Cor. 10:31 “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

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## 14. Exercise Contentment

1 Timothy 6:6&7 “Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.”

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## **15. Partner with what God is Doing.**

John 5:19 “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing, For whatever the Father does, these things the Son does in like manner.”

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