

## How Do You Know the Will of God? (part 2 of 2)

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The truth is, God is far more interested in you talking with Him than He is in you acting like some school child taking orders from the teacher. Sometimes God speaks definitively and sometimes He simply discusses options with us. Give God the freedom to speak as He wishes and take Him at His word. He won't lose track of where you are or fail to supply a genuine need.

Third, you have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16). [Steps one and two are here.] Make a conscious determination to acknowledge—for your own benefit (God already knows)—that you are trusting Jesus. Then consider, contemplate, research—i.e. use your mind—and then make your decision.

Your decision is not going to ruin God's day. Neither is your decision going to separate you from God. He is in you! It is not possible to miss Him when you are trusting Him.

Fourth, God won't force Himself on you, neither will He act for you. He gave you the ability to make decisions. You are secure in Him and you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Nothing can separate you from Him. You have every reason to be confident in Christ Jesus. Act! Trust Him. Consider the circumstances and counsel before you, then follow through with your decision.

What you decide to do about all that is facing you is not the issue. Trusting your Heavenly Father is the critical factor.

Seizing every opportunity to serve those close to you is your responsibility. Accepting the circumstances of life with the confidence that is yours in Christ is your privilege. Reflecting Jesus to others is your testimony. Relying on the Holy Spirit is your strength. Preparing as God leads you is wisdom. Inaction is your undoing. Passivity is failure.

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