

Finding God's Will

(Even when it seems to hide)

**"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
but a fool despises wisdom and instruction."**

--Proverbs 1:7

***The Creator of the universe has a wonderful plan for every aspect of your life.
Follow it, and prosper.***

***The essence of wisdom is the desire to see things through God's eyes, and not our own. If we
look at ourselves, our lives, our future, our desires, our circumstances, and our relationships
through God's eyes, we will find wisdom.***

When I look back over my life so far, I see an abundance of times I was unwise and made mistakes in a lot of different ways. It happens every time I foolishly convince myself that my three-and-a-half-pound brain can devise a better plan for my life than the all-knowing Creator of the universe. How could I be so easily deceived? This article is about what I've learned in my search for a way to find God's will for every area of life. It is a Bible study for people young and old about how to find God's path for your individual life.

**Wisdom cries out to us --
Getting over the myth that God's will is hard to find**

Recently I was in a group of Christians numbering about forty at a church meeting where the speaker said, "How many people here believe that God's will is difficult to find?" I think I was one of only a couple people not to raise his hand. And, to my disappointment, the speaker agreed with the majority and offered no real solution to the problem identified.

Our perception that finding God's will is a monumentally difficult task becomes our reality. It is a prophecy that proves true in our lives only if we believe it. Here we will look to God's infallible, indisputable word, to find out if that perception we're all prone to is as true as our experience tells us. Get ready for a thrilling ride. Because I think we will fail to find ANY biblical backing for our belief that it is difficult to find God's will for our individual lives. In reality, we will find that God promises repeatedly to speak and to guide unfailingly, and promises to be heard by those who really want to hear Him. To find God's will then, we will have to unlearn what we believe about how to find it, and replace our suppositions with faith in His perfect promises. It might be a convicting experience--because the most common reasons we fail to find God's will are that we don't really want to (we just tell ourselves so), or that we are unwilling to submit to His mandates when He gives them.

The wisest of men, King Solomon, uses personification in Proverbs 8 to illustrate two points we often miss: **1) It is of utmost importance that we find God's wisdom, and 2) God's wisdom isn't nearly as difficult to find as we think.** That chapter isn't quoted here, so get out your Bible and read it now, praying for God to open the eyes of your heart to fully understand what He is saying to you. Then you can return to reading this study.

Proverbs 8 says that Wisdom is crying aloud in the streets, giving guidance to anyone willing to listen. She shouts her perfect instruction so loudly that it penetrates all but the most impervious ears, it tells us. The chapter goes on to tell us that Wisdom is more worthy of our desire than money, fame, pleasure, success or anything else this world can offer us. (This shows us that our failure to hear flows from our desire for other things more than we desire the will of God. It's a heart issue, and to hear God's voice clearly, we must pray that God removes all of the selfish desires we have in us that conflict with His perfect will.)

James tells us that God does not hide His wisdom from those who want it, but rather delights in sharing His insights with us for our lives. "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." (James 1:5) God wants us to hear His will, saying "He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says." But if God's Wisdom is crying out to me at top volume in the streets, why don't I always hear it?