

KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD FOR MY LIFE

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I want to be on Main Street downtown knowing the will of God for my life. One wrong decision can have long range manifestations on your life. One wrong decision can mess you up.

John 10:27: My sheep hear my voice...and they follow me. We must learn the difference between His voice and other voices including your own voice. Sheep are seasoned people; lambs are immature people. Listen to the sheep. You don't have to understand the sheep, but learn to trust and obey. Learn to hear from God. God is still speaking. He speaks about your marriage, your occupation, and your finances.

Here are some ways that God is speaking:

1. He speaks through His word. God is not contrary to His word. Whatever God tells must agree with His word. (*Hebrews 4:12*) His word is alive. It can be precise and persistent. (*Psalm 119:105*) His word is a lamp.
2. He speaks through prayer/inner conviction. It is a dialogue. Be still long enough to hear from God. (*Romans 8:16*) There is an inner agreement with your spirit. It comes in some quiet places. (*II Samuel 5:12*) David knew that he was established King of Israel.
3. God speaks through Authority. (*Proverbs 21:1*) Do not try to manipulate the heart of your king. See how God has guided their hearts. (*Ephesians 6:1*) Honor your parents. All of us are under some kind of authority as long as it is not contrary to scripture. There are four authorities in our lives: family, government, employment and church.
4. Godly counsel. (*Proverbs 11:14*) Where there is no counsel the people fall; but in the multitude of counsel there is safety.
5. Spiritual Gifts. (*Acts 2:4-8; I Corinthians 12:10*)
 - A. The gift of tongues. One is for the community and the other is personal.
 - B. Gift of the Prophet (*I Samuel 8*) God speaks to Israel about a king. God warns them not to have a king but they rejected God's voice. (*I Samuel 12*) God reveals David's sin to him.
 - C. The preached or taught word. (*II Timothy 3: 16*)
 - D. Word of knowledge. (*John 4*) God knows your business.
6. Situations and circumstances. (*Philippians 4:19*) God knows what is best for you even when you want to go another way. (*Genesis 22*) Abraham tested to sacrifice his son. (*I Kings 17*) Elijah hung around this widow because she had some food. God's provision. Where there is vision there is provision.