

Champions/Women of Destiny

LESSON 10



God's Guidance, God's Conditions

Read: Psalm 32:8-9; Proverbs 3:5-8; Philipians 4:6-7 (along with all the other scriptures mentioned in the lesson)

We have been studying about God's guidance and His will for these last few lessons. In this final lesson on God's will, we need to clearly understand that **God does want you to know His will.** You don't have to go out in life doing 'stupid things' or making unhealthy and unwise decisions. **Why "live and learn" when you can "learn how to live!"**

With that said, God offers instructions, guidance, and advice to you. He also watches us as we are yielded to His will. We will lose our way unless we focus on Christ and this is accomplished through reading His Word and spending time in His ear through prayer (talking and listening). Although Bible reading and prayer are essential to knowing God's will, He also reveals His will clearly as we meet several other conditions.

Conditions for God's Guidance

Below are 8 conditions for understanding God's directions for your life.

1. Desire to Know

Knowing God's will begins with a desire to understand and obey it. This fact may seem obvious, but actually many believers are not interested in what God's will is – much less in doing it. David's prayer in Psalm 143:10 expresses an attitude and desire we should ask God to give us: *"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."*(niv)



2. Willingness to Obey

God's guidance is also available as we become willing to obey Him and do what He desires for us. He **doesn't want us to be stubborn and go our own way** like horses and mules (Psalm 32:9). David not only wanted to obey God, but he also received great pleasure and joy in doing so (read Psalm 40:8).

3. Trust in God

Proverbs 3:5-8 describes another condition for knowing God's will. Trusting God means to put your confidence in Him, to commit yourself to Him, to rely totally on Him. God wants

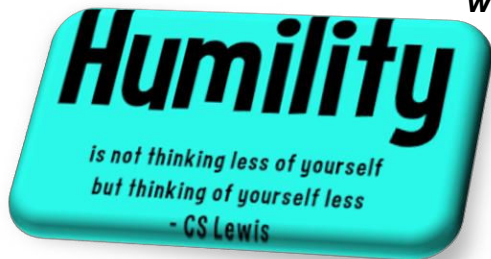
us to trust Him completely with all our heart. Even though sometimes we may not feel like trusting God, or we think it is inconvenient, God wants us to place our complete **confidence in Him at all times** (v. 5).

Trusting God shifts confidence in ourselves to complete dependence upon God (v. 5b). It involves keeping God and His desires in mind and being aware of His constant presence (v.6). In addition, trusting God provides a realistic assessment of ourselves – **that we are wise only through the mind of God** (v. 7).

Trusting God also means that we fear Him. This **reverence** (fear) helps us recognize God for who He is. We should no longer desire to do wrong. When we put our **wholehearted trust** in God, He directs our paths and removes obstacles from our way (v.6). In other words, He helps us reach His goals and accomplish His will for our life. Plus, He blesses us with vitality, strength, and health (v.8). We trust God to guide us and help us make good decisions the same way we came to know Him personally – by faith (Col. 2:6-7).

4. Humility

David wrote that **“He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble His way.”** (Psalm 25:9). The word meek means humble. In order to be teachable, we must be humble. Otherwise, **pride** gets in the way and leaves no room for God.



5. Counsel

Often the counsel or advice of others can help us make better decisions. **“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that listens to wise counsel is wise** (Proverbs 12:15). **But be cautious who you ask for advice.**

Talk with someone who knows Christ and is living for Him. Sometimes, however, a knowledgeable nonbeliever can also offer sound advice in areas not related to spiritual things. For example, a guidance counselor may suggest where to apply for college scholarships or which school offers a better major in your chosen field.

6. Circumstances

Sometimes circumstances also influence good decision-making. For instance, you probably shouldn't choose a career as a scientist if you hate science classes and barely pass them, or seek to be a basketball player and you don't hoop all that well. But a full scholarship for band may be an indication that God is leading you to a certain school.

7. Peace

Scripture does not clearly address every decision you need to make in life, such as the choice of college, your career path, a future mate. That's when God's peace is especially valuable. After you've met these previous conditions and made an intelligent decision, God often gives or withholds an inner feeling based on a right – or wrong decision. **Just be careful, however, in using peace as a signal of**

*Search for peace
and you will not find it,
but search for God
and you will find peace.*

God's will. Don't depend on peace alone to confirm God's will. but look for His will in conjunction with other conditions; especially prayer and the study of God's Word.

Paul wrote that peace is a direct result of praying about decisions: ***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*** -Phil. 4:6-7

8. Patience

Finally, good decision-making involves waiting on the Lord. ***“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.”*** –Psalm 130:5

God does not always reveal His will immediately in areas where Scripture is silent. Instead, He sometimes makes us wait, perhaps to move us to greater spiritual growth. But don't give up. He wants you to make good decisions and do His will.

May you practice these conditions, Champions and Women of Destiny, to receive God's guidance!

MEMORY VERSES

Ephesians 5:17

AND

Psalm 32:8

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Lesson 10 Quiz



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Student name _____

1. How can you be certain God wants you to know His will?
2. In your own words, tell what “trusting God” means.
3. How does trusting God help you to know and do His will?
4. True/False. God fills us with an inner peace when we pray about decisions and read God’s Word to know what to do.
5. Fill in the blanks. Therefore, do not be _____ but _____ what the Lord’s _____ is.
6. True or False. God rarely makes us wait to know His will in areas that the bible may be silent on.
7. Multiple choice. What actions can help you make good decisions according to this lesson?
 - A. Desire to know and do God’s will
 - B. Self-reliance
 - C. Daily reading and prayer
 - D. Doing whatever is necessary to keep me in control
8. True or False. We should never rely on circumstances alone to make decisions.
9. To what did David compare believers who don’t want to obey God’s will (psalm 32:9)?
10. Why is humility a condition for good decision-making?