

**Does God have a plan for *my* life?**

- God definitely has a plan.
Ephesians 1:11, Psalm 138:8, Psalm 139:16, Isaiah 14:24, Isaiah 46:10
- God's will is always sovereign. Meaning, God has supreme and final authority over everything.
Job 42:1-2, Matthew 8:25-27, 1 Thessalonians 5:2, Mark 8:25
- God never promises to reveal His will all at once or in advance.

How do I know God's will for *my* life?

- God sometimes sends a specific message about His will.
Exodus 3:10, Luke 1:31, Acts 8:26
- God always speaks through scripture about His will.
Exodus 20:13, Luke 6:27, 1 Thess. 4:3, 1 Thess. 5:18, 1 Peter 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- God always shares spiritual gifts. His will is for us to use them.
Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 12:4, 7
- God shapes the minds of those who sacrifice their own will so they can see His will.
Matthew 6:9-11, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 2:12-16

Summary:

The Bible does not get specific about where what team to join, where to go to college, what career to pursue, which person to marry, which car to drive, whether to own a home, where to take vacation, what cell-phone plan to buy, or which brand of orange juice to drink....or a thousand other choices you must make.

In order to know God's will when facing many of life's unclear choices, what is most necessary is having a renewed mind. Our minds should be shaped by all of the clear truth presented in the bible. Our minds should be yielded each day to God's Spirit and not our own fleshly desires (Pray: "May Your will be done"). When we do this and allow God to shape our hearts and minds, we can confidently make decisions that line up with the mind of Christ and the will of God.

This is very different from constantly trying to hear God's voice saying "do this" and "do that." Biblically, God's will is found when we are "transformed by the renewing of our minds" not when we receive mystical instructions or follow mysterious signs. It is more important to God that we try to seek Him today instead of trying to sneak a peek into tomorrow.

Bible Verses about God's Will

God definitely has a master plan.

Ephesians 1:11

Because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan

Psalms 138:8

8 The Lord will work out his plans for my life - for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me.

Psalms 139:16

16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Isaiah 14:24

24 The Lord of Heaven's Armies has sworn this oath: "It will all happen as I have planned. It will be as I have decided."

Isaiah 46:10

10 Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

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Job 42:1-2

1 Then Job replied to the Lord: 2 "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you."

Matthew 8:25-27

25 The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. 27 The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"

Mark 8:25

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

1 Thessalonians 5:2

For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

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Exodus 3:10

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Luke 1:31

You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

Acts 8:26

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

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Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

Luke 6:27

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you

1 Thessalonians 4:3

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 2:15

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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Romans 12:6

6We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

1 Corinthians 12:4, 7

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.... 7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

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Matthew 6:9-11

9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Romans 12:1-2

1Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. 13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. 14 But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. 15 Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. 16 For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.