

# What is God's Will for Me?

CAN I USE 'SIGNS' TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL?

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Two approaches for discerning God's will:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ approach
- The \_\_\_\_\_ approach

7 meanings of "God's will" or "will of God" in the Bible:

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ to believers (His \_\_\_\_\_ will)
2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ for specific individuals (His \_\_\_\_\_ will)
3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (His \_\_\_\_\_ will)
4. God's all-encompassing \_\_\_\_\_ (His \_\_\_\_\_ will)
5. God's \_\_\_\_\_ on specific occasions (His \_\_\_\_\_ will)
6. God's \_\_\_\_\_ on specific occasions (His \_\_\_\_\_ will)
7. What God \_\_\_\_\_ to happen (His \_\_\_\_\_ will)

Is God's will for me a \_\_\_\_\_ that I am responsible to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

As we try to answer this question we need to consider:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ examples
- \_\_\_\_\_ that arise in attempting to discover God's secret will.

All of the commonly cited biblical examples of "discovering God's secret will" (Gideon, "open doors," listening for the "still small voice of God," and casting lots, are actually cases where God had already revealed His \_\_\_\_\_ to the people involved.

If we attempt to discover God's secret will for us as individuals we are in danger of committing the sin of \_\_\_\_\_.

Because God's \_\_\_\_\_ will is known only to Him, and His directive will is available to you only if God takes the initiative to speak to you verbally, we have no way to know His \_\_\_\_\_ will for us as individuals. Therefore:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ view only applies if God actually speaks to you.
- For most of us, most of the time, the \_\_\_\_\_ view applies. Therefore our duty is first to learn God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will from Scripture, and then to use the resources, opportunities, and wisdom that God provides to us to follow them.