

Finding God's Direction for Your Life

Proverbs 3:5-6

Introduction

Today's passage is a familiar one for many believers. It speaks of a life lived in trust and submission to God, believing that He will provide direction for us. Trusting God involves the release of total control of your life to Him. This implies that a person who trusts God will also be obedient to Him. We can't hear Him clearly for direction if we are only "half-way" committed to Him. A barrier is created between the believer and God when we are unwilling to give up control to the Lord. This impedes one's ability to find God's direction for his or her life. Yet His will is made available to us as we walk in obedience.

The believer should submit every decision to God for His approval and then look and listen for His guidance. He wants us to depend on Him and seek His opinion in all matters. Finding God's will is not so much a place to arrive, as it is a journey to be had. As we commit our path to Him and yield willingly to His authority, we will find that we experience His will along the way.

We can live expectantly knowing that God is going to speak; He is not silent concerning His will. As we turn to Him, as the right source of authority, we can look and hope for God to move on our behalf. Trusting God breeds a sense of freedom because it is not up to us to figure out His will. We simply experience His will as He reveals it, when we faithfully follow Him. If we are willing to trust Him, submit to Him, and acknowledge Him in all of our ways, we don't just *find* His will, we *experience* His will each and every day.

Getting Started

1. What resonated with you most from today's sermons?
2. Have you ever had an experience of a "divine appointment," a moment in which God has set for you, to act or receive according to His will?
3. How is *finding* God's will different than *experiencing* God's will?

Let's Get Personal

1. Has there ever been a time where God has used another believer to give you guidance and direction for your life?
2. What are the areas in your life for which you should, but do not seek God's counsel? What have you not consulted God on in the past that you now realize you should have? Why don't you?
3. What is self-sufficiency and why is this often a problem for the believer?
4. Who do you normally seek counsel from? Are they a "false authority"?
5. Does your typical source of counsel take the place of the counsel you should be seeking from God?

Take the Next Step

1. What are the areas of your life in which you haven't given full and total control to God? What is stopping you from doing so?
2. What have you been trying to do by yourself that now you realize you should seek God's help and guidance for?
3. Want to dig deeper? Look at Ephesians 2:1-10. How does this passage help you further understand the beauty of how God works in our lives?

Renew Your Mind

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding." Proverb 3:5-6
