Discipleship: Lesson 8

How To Know God's Will

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Objectives

- Develop an understanding of the basic Scriptures explaining the importance of knowing God's will. Proverbs 3:5-6, Ephesians 5:17, Psalm 32:8-9, John 10:1-11.
- Understand how to seek God's will in specific situations.
- Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6.

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Key Questions

- What does Jesus reveal and model about God's will? Jn 5:30, 6:38; Matt 6:10, 7:21, 12:50, 26:39
- What can you do to discover God's will? Ps 40:8, Matt 6:33, Prov 3:5-6, Rom 12:2, Ps 32:8, Ps 143:8-10
- Since God's Word plays the single most important role in knowing God's will, what are some things God wants you to do? Matt 6:33, Matt 22:37-39, Matt 28:18-20, Eph 5:17, 1 Pet 1:15, 1 Pet 2:15, 1 Thes 5:16-18, 1 Thes 4:3-5, 2 Pet 3:18

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- Major Concepts
 - - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - ☐ I Will Instruct You
 - Hebrews 10:15-16, 13:20-21; Phil 2:13; Rom 12:2
 - He Leads Them
 - John 10:1-11

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- He Will Make Your Paths Straight Prov 3:5-6
 - What are the 2 sources of guidance in verse 5?
 - God will straighten your paths if you do what 3 things?
 - What 2 things does God want "all" of?
 - Is it easier to lean on your own understanding, or to trust in God? Whose understanding is greater?
 - It's hard to trust someone you don't know, but easy to trust someone you know is completely faithful and trustworthy. What does this verse imply about faith and your relationship with God?
 - What does this verse have to do with God's will?

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- II Will Instruct You
 - What is the cure for foolish living, from Eph 5:17?
 - According to Rom 12:2 can you know God's will, and if so how? (verse 1 gives a bit more also)
 - From Ps 40:8, what is your natural delight, when God's law is in your heart?
 - From Heb 10:15-16, who puts God's laws in your heart and mind?
 - In Phil 2:13, what does God do, and why?
 - In Heb 13:20-21, what does God equip you for, and who does He do it through?

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- He Leads Them John 10:1-11
 - The shepherds responsibility is to lead. What is the role of the sheep, from verse 4? Why do they follow?
 - From verse 5, how do the sheep sense a stranger, and what do they do then?
 - Who are these strangers?
 - In practical terms how do you learn to listen to Jesus'
 - We learned not to be conformed to this world, and not to lean on our own understanding. How does this relate to 1 John 2:15-17? Who in v17 lives forever?