

3. There is light from above. Highest source of guidance.

Every Christian has a Bible - "a lamp unto his feet & a light unto his path" - Gal 1:12  
" has the Holy Spirit who will guide him into all truth John 16:13

James 1:5 (Williams trans.) "But if any of you is deficient in wisdom let him ask God who generously gives to every one & never reproaches one with its lack & it shall be given him."  
God has promised He will not fail Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, lean not unto thine own understanding, when all thy ways acknowledge Him & He shall direct thy paths."

Your Attitude Must Be

1. Born again - God reveals to his children
2. Sincerely wish to know God's will - Natural to those who do not care
3. Renounce your own W. in favor of God's - John 6:38
4. Willing to pay the Price required to serve the Lord - Rom 12:1-2
5. By Faith walk through the door God sets before you.

God's Response to our prayers, Bible Study, sincere seeking, God may not flood our souls with light, but will give us enough information for us to take the next step.  
Be willing to take one step at a time - 2 Cor. 5:7

Horace Bushnell - "Every man's life is a plan of God & follow it. Undecided you are miserable."  
John A. Mott - "God's will was his North Star". He meant it was something that guided, gave sure direction.

Precher - "To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement."  
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"Knowing And Doing The Will of God" John 6:38  
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3 great decisions in life - Master - Mate - Mission

Mission - difficult make up mind.  
Is there any way we might know God's Will for our lives?  
Is there any certain guidance on this vital question?

Jesus - regarded His life's work as chosen by His Father.

3 Truths - Text.

I. God has a definite will for every one of us.

God is God of Laws & Order.  
Place Sun - planets in their orbit -  
Created Pull of the tide - Things work with precision.

Not absurd to think that God has a plan for every Christian.  
Eph. 2:10 - God had a plan for his people before the world began.

Some have said: "Life is a job that is it even funny."  
"Life is a chance whose only cure is death."

They have missed the divine will for their lives.

A man in N.Y. left a note: "My life counts for nothing. I am like a peanut in Yankee Stadium - stepped on and walked all over. I have no reason to live & I have decided to destroy my worthless self."

God has not left his children without a perfect plan for their living.

## II. God's Will and our Will are different.

Jesus indicated his human will differed from that of his Father's.

Your will is conditional by circumstances & selfish desire. You only take the short view of things, God views your life from the perspective of eternity. You might want to do something easy, but God knows that you ought to do something hard. You might want to serve in one place, God may want you elsewhere.

Young man imagined - strong call to preach - conviction crystallized letters L.P.C. written in Decree - interpreted to preach Christ - after started preaching he decided this interpreted L.P.C. - meant "to plow corn".

Young Girl announced surrender to the mission field in Africa. - Even though she had decided on this she found no peace of mind. Troubled - to Pastor for advice - asked her if she thought God wanted her to go to Africa - answered I assumed that God would be pleased if I went anywhere, provided it was on the mission field. He pointed out that she may have substituted her will for the will of God - God might want you in China - Japan - no matter how noble your aspirations, they must coincide with God's will.

## III. You CAN Know God's Will for Your Life

Because He desires to reveal it to you.

He may speak to you directly.

Some know God's will when converted as the case of Paul.

Others may come gradually, mysteriously.

Albert Schweitzer - wrestled with God's will for his talented life. One day, Postman, by mistake delivered a mission magazine to his Mail Box. When he glanced at it, the mag. noted need in the Congo, he came to see that God wanted him to offer his life there.

God may speak through need & circumstances

Isaiah saw there was a job & no one to do it, said "Here am I, Lord, send me!"

### Three Sources of Light Available

1. There is light from within - God has given us power to think, to reason, to judge, evaluate, to will. Look at your own talents, see what you think God has endowed you to do.

2. There is light from without - and we can receive from others - particularly those who are older, more experienced, morally & spiritually more mature.