

YOU CAN KNOW GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU

*Seven Things God Wants You to Know
Pastor's Study Series*

Scripture: Colossians 1:9
Ephesians 5:17

Introduction

Are you afraid to seek God's will for your life because you fear the consequences of doing his will? Do you fear that He may send you to some remote region of the world away from your family and friends?

God's plan for your life could send you somewhere you had not expected on an exciting adventure that lasts a lifetime! There are four ways that God reveals his will to us.

I. Through direct revelation

Acts 20:23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.

Acts 21:10-11 After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'"

- A. God reveals his will to us directly through:
 - 1. Audible voice
 - 2. Impression
 - 3. Dreams
 - 4. Varieties of other ways
- B. Direct revelation is not always mystical

II. Through his Word

Psalms 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

- A. We may not need a direct revelation because God has already revealed his will in his Word

- B. God's word is the greatest revelation of his will

III. Through ordering circumstances in our lives

1 Kings 17:7-8 Sometime later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him:

- A. Elijah stayed at the Brook Cherith until the brook dried up
- B. By closing one door and opening another

IV. Through the counsel of those in authority over us

Acts 13:2-3 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

NOTE: COUNSEL, NOT REVELATION

- A. Parents, both Christian and non-Christian
- B. Employers
- C. Church leaders