

## FOLLOWING THE WILL OF GOD - PSALM 119:105

### Series: THE JOURNEY OF PURSUING GOD'S WILL

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**Romans 8:14 (NASB)**

## 1. PREREQUISITES FOR FOLLOWING THE WILL OF GOD

### A. You must be a Biblically defined Christian

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **Romans 8:14 (ESV)**

### B. You must be wise

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:15-16 (ESV)**

### C. You must really want to do the will of God

<sup>17</sup> If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. **John 7:17 (ESV)**

### D. You must be willing to pray and wait

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. **Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)**

### E. You must be willing to give up your creature comforts

<sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. **Acts 20:22-24 (ESV)**

## 2. HOW DOES GOD LEAD TODAY?

### A. Through His written Word primarily

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. **Psalm 119:105 (NASB)**

<sup>66</sup> Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments. **Psalm 119:66 (NASB)**

### B. Through the inner prompting of the Holy Spirit

<sup>12</sup> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing; **Philippians 2:12-14 (NASB)**

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. **Psalm 32:8 (NKJV)**

### C. Through the counsel of wise, qualified, mature believers

<sup>17</sup> Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> "You will surely wear out, both yourself and these people who are with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. **Exodus 18:17-18 (NASB)**

### D. Through an inner assurance of peace from God

<sup>15</sup> The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. **Colossians 3:15 (TEV)**

## 3. TWO CLOSING QUESTIONS TO PONDER

✓ **What makes risk so difficult for you?**

✓ **Are you willing to make a major change in your life if that is the Lord's will for you?**