

someone of another kind,” spiritually speaking that is. What are the words in the following verses that refer to a person who believes in and follows Jesus Christ?

2Cor 6:14 _____, _____

2Cor 6:15 _____, _____

2Cor 6:16 _____, _____

What are the words that refer to a person who does not believe in and does not follow Jesus Christ?

2Cor 6:14 _____, _____, _____

2Cor 6:15 _____, _____

2Cor 6:16 _____

So from the descriptions above, we can see, it is not the will of God for a believer to marry an unbeliever. What is the teaching of 1Cor 7:39 on this issue?

If we will walk in the ways of God and obey Him, what will be our relationship with Him? 2Cor 6:18 _____

How does the Word of God help us to discover God’s perfect plans for our lives? Ps 119:105 _____

How does God’s Word work within us? Ps 119:130 _____

4. **Seek counsel from godly mature Christians.** Older Christians can be used by God to confirm His will or correct us. After God called Paul to preach the Gospel, Gal 1:15-18, what did He do after his three years in Arabia and Damascus? Gal 1:18 _____

After another fourteen years of Gospel ministry, Paul, Barnabus and Titus, went to Jerusalem and shared what they had been doing. What was the purpose of this visit? Gal 2:1,2 _____

5. **Take sensible, practical actions as God arranges the circumstances.** Move with God. Do not rush ahead, neither lag behind. As God teaches us and instructs us in the way, Ps 32:8, what are the two responses we are to avoid?

Elijah spoke from God that there would be no more rain until he said. What was the practical step God told him to take? 1K 17:3 _____

When the brook dried up, what was God’s next step of practical direction? 1K 17:9,10 _____

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CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE

Study Fourteen: Knowing God’s Directions in Your Decisions

God has a wonderful plan for your life. In this study we will give some steps to discover it.

God’s Perfect Blueprint

The Bible declares that God is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. God is omniscient and knows all things. He knows the end from the beginning and **He has a wonderful plan for every believer.** What is God’s promise to every believer in Jer 29:11-13? (use NIV) _____

God’s Plan is God’s Best

People are afraid to hand their lives over to the Lord because they think that He will make their lives miserable by making them do things they do not want to do or go to places they hate. The truth is God’s will is God’s best for us. The Bible tells us that God is love – He loves us and wants us to enjoy His very best. **God cares about the whole person – spirit, soul and body.** God is interested in our spiritual life as well as our material or physical and social life.

Joseph’s brothers sold him as a slave and he went through deep valleys of suffering. At the end of the road what was his observation and conclusion? Gen 50:20 _____

The word “providence” means protective care. What can you say about God’s providence in Joseph’s life? _____

The LORD, or Jehovah, is our Redeemer and the Holy One of Israel. As the Lord our God what two things does He promise us? Is 48:17 _____

What are the two results of walking in His ways in obedience? Is 48:18 _____

God urges us to trust in the LORD – Jehovah and do good. In so doing what blessings come to us? *Ps 37:3* _____

As we delight in the LORD, what will He give us? *Ps 37:4* _____

As we commit our way to the Lord and trust in Him, as we journey through, what will He do for us? *Ps 37:5* _____

One key is not to rely on our own understanding. What does God recommend? *Pro 3:5* _____

Instead of relying on ourselves to work out each step, what does God promise? *Pro 3:6* _____

If we fear the LORD and depart from evil, how will God bless us? *Pro 3:7,8* _____

As we go along life's path and give to God His portion of what we receive, *Pro 3:9*, how will we be blessed? *Pro 3:10* _____

If we love God and serve Him in the calling He has given to us, what will be the result? *Rom 8:28* _____

As John prayed for Gaius, how did he express God's will for him? *3Jn 2* _____

This is a good prayer to pray for ourselves as well as others. Some others are: *1Chr 4:10; Col 1:9-11*.

Conditions for God's Directions

God desires and delights to guide us through our lives so that we know His blessings and prosperity. The problem is that we don't hear what he is saying or we are not in the right spirit to receive. Look up the following verses and put down the ways we can prepare ourselves to hear God when He speaks:

Gen 24:10-15 _____

Ps 1:1-3 _____

Ps 10:17 _____

Ps 32:5 _____

Josh 1:7-9 _____

Pro 24:5,6 _____

Is 55:6-9 _____

Mat 6:33 _____

Jn 8:12 _____

How to Discover God's Perfect Plans

There are several basic ways which God uses to confirm His will and plan to those who sincerely seek Him. Although God can and does speak sovereignly through extraordinary or supernatural guidance, (e.g. visions, dreams etc.), from experience we feel the following basic factors should be in agreement before you make your final decision:

1. **Pray and ask God to guide you.** Do not go running around to make things happen for you. Ask Him to help you in prayer. What does God promise to those who call upon Him? *Jer 33:3* _____

2. **Know God's peace in your heart.** Do not make a decision if you are not at peace about it. God's Holy Spirit will confirm His will within you by a deep peace. How does the Holy Spirit help us? *Jn 14:26* _____

What is to be our relationship with the Spirit of God?

Gal 5:16 _____

Gal 5:18 _____

Gal 5:22,23 _____

Gal 5:25 _____

3. **Let God's Word speak to you.** Very often God uses the Bible to confirm His will to you, e.g. a passage you read that particular morning etc. Never make any decision that clearly contradicts what the Bible teaches, e.g. marrying an unbeliever. The first words of *2Cor 6:14* mean, according to "Young's Concordance", (see under the word "yoke"), "Do not be joined together with