

Knowing God's Will

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Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Genesis 24

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1. To know God's Guidance you must be fully committed to God and His revealed purpose (Word)

- Not own comfort and passions but God's Will
- Seek 1st His Kingdom... Mt 6:33
- God answers those who walk with Him... Jms 1:5-8; Jn 14:12-14
- Following God's will not seem 'easiest' path
- Be committed to God's way... Psa 37:5
- Do you know God's Purpose for you?

2. To know God's Guidance you must move out (Act) in obedience accompanied by common sense.

- Can't just pray, must act in obedience
- Planning is good and wise
- Beware of distractions, laziness, worldly ways, serve God 1st Mt 6:33

3. To know God's Guidance you must seek and expect it, while obeying His sovereign ways.

- Abe and servant expected God's direction
- Ask God for guidance in faith... Jms 1:5-8
- Kingdom prayer: Mt 6:5ff
- Don't ask God to bless your plans, but show you His plans... Rm 8:13-15
- Continually seek God... Psa 42-43; Psa 63
- Act humbly as if you could fail (5,8,49,58)... but know God is sovereign... Psa 37:5

4. To know God's Guidance you must apply God's wisdom (Word)

- Prayer in 12 not a fleece, but Godly criteria
- Rebekah's servant heart led to God's blessings

Application:

- Look for Godly character FIRST!
- finding the right person depends much on being God's person
- Seek the wisdom of parents (godly advisors)
- Marriage is foundation for love; Love is NOT the foundation for marriage

5. To know God's Guidance we must live our whole lives in prayer & constant fellowship with God

- God must be our life, not a fix, to know His Will
- Prayer/meditation vital 12-14,63
- Purpose: Rom 8:29

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