



WORD

“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” - Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

For starters, if you are interested in knowing God’s plan for your life, then you must learn to walk with God. You need to develop a relationship with Him. Christianity is all about relationship rather than just religion. And so you must cultivate your relationship with God. You must seek to know Him and not just seek to know about Him. You will cultivate that relationship best by spending time in His Word, taking time for prayer, and taking every opportunity you can to be involved in church and small group Bible study opportunities. When you seek these disciplines in your life, God will begin the first steps to revealing His plan to you.

1 Surrendering our will to God’s will

Many times when we say we are seeking God’s will, what we are really wanting to say to God is this: “OK, God, here’s what I’m planning to do. Now I need you to rubber stamp this, all right?” This is not really effective in finding His true will.

Before God will begin to reveal His will to you, you must be committed to doing whatever it is that He desires for you to do. God will likely be slow to show you His plan if He knows you will likely not do that plan anyway. Jesus was willing to die for us, so shouldn’t we be willing to live for Him? When we surrender to Him, that is when He really begins to direct our steps.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” - Romans 12:1-2(ESV)

What are you focused on now?

2 Jesus at the center

What is the center of my life? This is the question of worship. Whatever is at the center of your life is your god! Whom are you going to live for? What are you going to build your life around? You can center your life on your career, your family, a sport or hobby, money, or many other activities. These can all be good things, but they don't belong at the center of your life.

None is strong enough to hold you together when life starts breaking apart. You need an unshakable center that can only be found in Jesus.

If you have committed your life to Christ, He moved into the center, but you must keep Him there on a daily basis. How do you know when God is at the center of your life? When He's at the center, you worship. When He's not, you worry. Worry is the warning light that God has been shoved to the sideline of your life. The moment you put Him back at the center, you'll have peace again.

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7 (ESV)

Do you feel burned out sometimes?

3 Live in the center of God's will

- This is obvious, but it is sadly true that some Christians fail to discover God's plan and purpose for their life, and in consequence their whole life is filled with disappointment and defeat, frustration and failure.
- *How wonderful to feel that we are achieving something really worthwhile and to know that we are doing it, not for ourselves, but in accordance with the will of our loving heavenly Father!*
- Every unconverted person is living a self-planned life. When we are not walking in obedience to the Lord, we are not being sustained by His grace and are working merely with fleshly strength. This can lead to emotional or spiritual burnout.

4 The brick wall prayer

God, you know me better than I know myself. You know my fears and my desires. I know you love me. I know you have a plan for me. Please, Lord, don't let my desires blind me to your will. If this is not within your plan for me, throw up a Brick Wall. Give me an obstacle I cannot get past. Help me live in obedience to your will, Father. Give me peace about whatever is to come as put my complete trust in you and your perfect will for my life. In Jesus name, amen