



Wisdom's Toolbox

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

ACTS 16:6-10

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Acts 16:6 *And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.* (ESV)

1. Do _____ (v.6a)

2. Discern _____ (vv.6b-8)

3. Discern _____ (vv.9-10)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 12:1-2**. Why should we never balk at God's will for our lives, even if it is difficult, costly, or disappointing?
2. Read **Psalms 119:1-8**. How can a diligent focus on doing what you know God has directed you to do in his written word generally keep you from having a fear of missing out on some particular of God's will for your life?
3. Read **John 21:18-22**. How can you identify with Peter in his wrongheaded interest in comparing God's will for his life to God's will for another Christian's life?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 16:7-9**. When have you turned away from what was clearly God's path for your life because it was difficult or there were naysayers? How would you approach that kind of crossroads now?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 12:17-20**. How would you encourage someone who is discontent with the path God has prompted them to walk, or has prevented the path they preferred to walk?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 18-25 – **Provision & Planning**

Msg. 12-24 – **The Greatest Book**

Msg. 22-09 – **Midcourse Adjustments**

Msg. 22-08 – **Whatever Comes Next**

Msg. 21-19 – **Showing Up for Divine Appointments**

Msg. 21-23 – **Saul: A New Purpose**

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT: Any Thing, Any Place, Any Time** (three-part series)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sept. 25thIs.4-6 & Gal.3

Sept. 26thIs.7-9 & Gal.4

Sept. 27thIs.10-12 & Gal.5

Sept. 28thIs.13-15 & Gal.6

Sept. 29thIs.16-18 & Eph.1

Sept. 30thIs.19-21 & Eph.2

Oct. 1stIs.22-23 & Eph.3

Oct. 2ndIs.24-26 & Eph.4

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Barclay, William B. **The Secret of Contentment**. P & R Publishing, 2011.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. **Faith: Two Treatises**. Reprint. Northampton Press, 2011.

Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973.

Hamilton, James M. **God's Indwelling Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Old & New Testaments**. B & H, 2006.

Kruis, John G. **Quick Scripture Reference for Counseling, Third Edition**. Baker Books, 2009.

MacArthur, John. **Found: God's Will**. David C. Cook Publishing, 2012.

Packer, J. I. **Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God**. InterVarsity Press, 1991.

Packer, J. I. **God's Will: Finding Guidance for Everyday Decisions**. Baker Books, 2012.

Phillips, Dan. **God's Wisdom in Proverbs: Hearing God's Voice in Scripture**. Kress, 2011.

Ryle, J. C. **A Call to Prayer**. Audubon Press, 2002.

Saxton, David. **God's Battle Plan for the Mind**. Reformation Heritage, 2015.

Sproul, R. C. **Can I know God's Will?** Ligonier, 2019.

Thomas, Derek W. H. **What is Providence?** P & R Publishing, 2008.