

## Seeking God's Guidance

Most of us wish to know God's will for our life. We pray for God's

guidance. We are leery of those who seemingly have an extra special spiritual connection with God. It seems He tells them daily all the answers they need. How are we to seek God's guidance? Here are some basic principles:

**YIELD)** Surrender. Christianity is bound up in submission, subjection. In these modern times to "yield" is politically and emotionally incorrect. Authority is out. Self is in. The issue is, literally, My will or God's will. Wants and needs are two different things. Stubbornness is our downfall. Humility is the only channel of guidance. Pride is still wrong.

**PRAY)** Take time to seriously pray and fast. Prayer is not imposing my will upon God--it is opening me to God's will. Prayer is all about dependency. The essence of spirituality is dependency. Some things can only come from prayer and fasting.

**THINK)** How little do we truly think? We don't think when we think we think. Emotions control us. The world often has more influence than the WORD! In the Bible God calls sinners "fools." Sin is foolish. Sin is spiritual blindness. Thinking takes time. Serious thinking results in wisdom.

**TALK)** Find holy people to talk with. Find wise people to listen to you. Christianity is a community. Tradition is valuable when in line with God's guidance. What has withstood the test of time? The modern world is not amenable to mentors. The modern world follows celebrities. However, Christians seek relationships with godly people. They spend time with them. Spend time talking with spiritual people.

**WAIT)** God is not limited in time. The Old Testament constantly commands, Wait on the Lord. Don't push God to accelerate His timetable. Don't grow impatient. Don't worry, gripe, or be disappointed. God is good. God is able to guide us in His timing. Will we let Him?

*He has made*  
**EVERYTHING**  
*beautiful*  
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**IN ITS TIME**  
ECCLESIASTES 3:11

But they that wait upon <sup>the</sup> Lord  
will renew their  
*strength.*  
They shall mount up with  
*wings as eagles,*  
they will run  
and not be weary,  
and they shall walk and not faint.  
ISAIAH 40:31

**Bday/Anniv Lunch:** ...when we can!

**Bible Study:** Consider your study of God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15) Make time to learn some Scripture that may apply to your life today...

**NMCCH:** collecting aluminum foil and kitchen trash bags (pick up is later...)

— THANK YOU for reading!