

Review / Introduction:

I. Our Challenge In Praying for God's Will to be Done...

A. Life is Full of Decisions...

B. We have God's Loving Promises...

C. How do We Know What His Will is?

1. Does God move us by inner urges? Whisper in our ear?
2. God reveals His will to us in Holy Scripture...

II. God's Will is Revealed In Scripture...

A. The Only Trustworthy Guide is the Bible...

1. God does not speak to us directly...
2. We should be very careful of feelings...
3. Scripture must inform and direct our decisions... Psalm 119:9-16 (vs. 9 especially); II Timothy 3:16-17
 - a. God is good and full of mercy, love and care for His children... Psalm 19:10-11; 119:105
 - b. Let Scripture be our guide in all things... I John 4:1
 - c. God does not change...
 - d. Study Scripture sincerely and honestly...

B. Scripture Provides Knowledge Concerning God's Will in Three Ways...

1. Direct commandments and prohibitions...
2. Principles worked out in Scripture...
3. Illustrations...

III. Scriptural Keys to Open up God's Will to Our Understanding...

A. Pray always...

B. Seek Wisdom... James 1:5-6 cf 3:13

C. Get Good Counsel... Proverbs 12:15; 27:9; 13:10; 15:22; 19:20

Application: