

HOW TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD  
*Week 1*  
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THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE TODAY  
WILL DETERMINE WHO YOU  
BECOME TOMORROW.

*God Cares More About:*

**WHO YOU ARE BECOMING  
THAN WHAT YOU DO**

*God's will is for you to be holy.*  
1 Thessalonians 4:3 NLT

If you are becoming the right  
*who*—you will choose the right *do*.

**WHY BEFORE WHAT**

*You may think everything you do is  
right, but the LORD judges your  
motives.* Proverbs 16:2 GNT

*Am I now trying to win the approval  
of human beings, or of God? Or  
am I trying to please people? If I  
were still trying to please people, I  
would not be a servant of Christ.*  
Galatians 1:10 NIV

*And whatever you do, whether in  
word or deed, do it all in the name  
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to  
God the Father through him.*  
Colossians 3:17 NIV

"Pleasing God isn't a few big  
decisions. It's countless daily  
decisions of dying to self and  
following Christ." - Craig  
Goeschel, pastor/author

**Additional Scriptures for Study:**

1 Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 21:2,  
Matthew 6:1-4, Philippians 2:3-4

**THREE THINGS TO UNDERSTAND  
BEFORE SEEKING GOD'S WILL:**

1. My identity isn't found in a calling, but in Him alone.
2. God will always value my faithfulness over my fruitfulness.
3. Influence is always better than position.

**START TALKING.**

- What's one of the craziest or funniest decisions you've ever made?
- Have you ever experienced decision fatigue about anything? How did you end up making the decision?

**START THINKING.**

- Chew on this one. Who does God want you to become?
- Think about what you're asking God. Then, answer these questions: What do I really want, why do I want it, and will this cause me to become more like Christ?

**START SHARING.**

- What's one area of your life where you wish you knew clearly what God wanted you to do?
- In your decisions, are you more focused on choosing the right *do*, or becoming the right *who*?
- Read Proverbs 16:2. Talk about a time you had the right motives and a time you had the wrong motives.
- Talk about why you make decisions. Are you more often aiming to validate yourself or give glory to God? How did you come to your answer?

**START PRAYING.**

*God, we've probably been too focused on finding out  
what You want us to do, only to miss why You want us to  
do it—and who You want us to become. Will You change  
our perspective this week and give us the power to see  
how we can become the persons You made us to be?  
Amen.*