



How to Know the Will of God (a flow chart)

Does the Bible have anything to say about your decision or the underlying issues related to it?

Useful tools to discover what the Bible says on a topic are a concordance, topical Bible, or the search function on a Bible app. Search keywords and synonyms in various Bible translations. As you continue to read and study the Bible, you will know what the Bible says more readily.

YES

NO

Does the Bible say it is sinful or unwise?

YES

NO

This is not God's will for you no matter any other conversation or experience you've had.

Does the Bible indicate that it is always commendable or wise?

YES

NO

This is God's will for you. Go for it.

Pray about it for a reasonable amount of time given the weight of the decision and the circumstance.

Has God given you a sense of His will?

YES

NO

Pray a little longer asking God to stop you or give you a lack of peace if it isn't His will.

Do you have a sense of a good or wise decision?

YES

NO

Do you still have peace about the decision and has God not closed the door?

YES

NO

Trust the Holy Spirit and do it!

This is not God's will for you.

Keep praying but keep doing the last thing God clearly directed you to do.

What about feelings, visions, special words, and prophecies? God can and does use these things at times, but they are not the typical means of learning God's will and they should always be consistent with what the Bible says and confirmed through prayer by the Holy Spirit in you. You should always walk through this process.