

#### 4. Pray often.

Write a prayer asking God to guide and lead you to the right decision, to the decision that is pleasing to Him.

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#### 5. Wait on God.

Tell God that you are willing to wait on Him for His timing and His direction, that you are trusting, looking and waiting on Him and His perfect timing to provide the needs of your life.

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#### ***I THINK THE CORRECT DECISION IS:***

If you think you know the right answer, path or way, write it down and thank God for leading you.

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# **GOD'S WISDOM**

## ***In DECISION***

## **MAKING**

*Draw a stick figure of a person or people doing something that you have learned from this lesson.*

#### ***Memory Verse***

***...I know the plans I have for you,' says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11***

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## INTRODUCTION

God has a wonderful plan for your life. He loves you and wants things to work out well for you. Often, however, we don't seek God's advice and just do things our way instead of His way.

Adam and Eve did things their way instead of God's way and the result was that sin entered their lives; they were afraid and ashamed and their first born son murdered his younger brother.

This study is about how to let God lead your life, how to do things His way, how to walk in his paths and let your loving Heavenly Father who loves you so much guide you along his wonderful plan for your life.

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here are some rules to follow:***

- A. In your heart, decide that you really want God to be the Lord and boss of your life. Tell God that in a prayer.**
- B. Seek and look for God's will for your life each and every day. Look for it like you were looking for a hidden treasure.**
- C. Be willing to wait on God's perfect timing and not rush ahead and do things your way.**

### Five Steps to Find God's will and wonderful plan for your life:

- 1. Daily read and obey God's words (the Bible).**
- 2. Ask good and experienced people for advice**
- 3. Obey the people in authority over you.**
- 4. Pray often.**
- 5. Wait on God.**

Person 3. Name & advice \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. Obey the people in authority over you.

Ask people in authority over you what they think. If it involves your work, ask a boss or supervisor. If it involves school, ask a teacher. Write down their answers.

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

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Spiritual leader \_\_\_\_\_

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Other authority \_\_\_\_\_

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## Now, follow the ... **Five Steps to Find God's will and wonderful plan for your life:**

## 1. Daily read and obey God's words the Bible.

Write down what you think the Bible says you should do. Ask someone to help you find the right Bible verses if you want to.

## 2. Ask good and experienced people for advice

Write down the names of two or three people that you want to ask for advice and write down their answers.

### Person 1. Name & advice

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## Person 2: Name & advice

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*Now let's look at these ideas one at a time.*

## The ... **BIG QUESTION** ... is:

# WHO IS GOING TO BE THE BOSS OF YOUR LIFE?

**YOU** (that means your sinful nature is going to be your boss because you are shutting God out of your life)

**YOUR FRIENDS** (this means you are more concerned about pleasing sinful people around you than the God who created you, loves you and died for you.)

**GOD** who loves you, created you, knows the future, knows everything and has a wonderful plan for your life.

## How much better are God's ways for our life than our own ways and ideas?

**The Bible says:** *For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Neither are your ways My ways,' declares the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways  
higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*  
Isaiah 55: 8-9 NASB

Our natural sinful way is ...when someone says something mean to us, we

God's way is to “..., love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! Matthew 5: 44

Our sinful way is to take; God's wonderful way is to give.

Our sinful way is to do evil to those who do evil to us; God's wonderful way is to overcome evil with good.

Our way results in failure and death; God's wonderful way leads to life and peace.

## The next ... **BIG QUESTION** ... is:

**WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO, IF ANYTHING, TO FIND GOD'S WILL , WISDOM, AND WONDERFUL PLANS FOR MY LIFE?**

**The Bible says:** *'And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29: 13 NASB*

When will we find God ? \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Bible says:** *My child, listen to me and treasure my instructions. Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight and understanding. Search for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure.*

**Then you will understand** what it means to fear the **LORD**, and you will gain knowledge of God.

**For the LORD grants wisdom!** From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. *Proverbs 2: 1-6*

**According to the last part of this passage**, where does wisdom, knowledge & understanding come from? \_\_\_\_\_

**From the middle of the above passage**, can we “gain the knowledge of God”? Can we learn how God thinks about things? \_\_\_\_\_

**From the first part of the passage**, what are some things we have to do if we want to know how God thinks about things?

List several. \_\_\_\_\_

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**God is not like a Santa Claus. He is the almighty God, creator of the heavens and the earth, With respect, love, and humility we pray to him and seek his wonderful will for our lives. We ask him to fix our lives and help us to be more like his son, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **APPLICATION**

Think about some decision that you are trying to make. It may be a big decision that will affect the rest of your life, or it may be a small decision. Either way, it is important to God and he wants to help you make the right decision. He wants to help you follow his plan for your life.

You may want to work through this at home, but take time to read back through this study and follow the steps in this study as you seek God's will for your life in this matter.

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**If you want to, write down the decision you are trying to make.**

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*Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are accountable to God. Hebrews 13:17*

God also puts us under spiritual leaders, this could be the leadership team of a church, pastors, elder board, etc. What part of our life are spiritual leaders especially watching out for?

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*Obey the government, for God is the one who put it there. All governments have been placed in power by God. 2 So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow. 3 For the authorities do not frighten people who are doing right, but they frighten those who do wrong. So do what they say, and you will get along well.*

*Romans 13: 1-3*

Who does this verse say we should obey? \_\_\_\_\_

Why should we obey the laws of the land, the police, etc.

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#### **4. Pray often.**

*If you need wisdom--if you want to know what God wants you to do--ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. James 1:5*

Who should we always come to to ask for advice? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **5. Wait on God.**

*I wait quietly before God, for my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken. Psalms 62: 1-2*

Why do we wait on God? Give two reasons.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Often the next ... BIG DIFFICULT THING ... is:**

#### **TO WAIT FOR GOD'S PERFECT TIMING**

**Our God has a perfect timing for things. His will for our lives also includes His timing. If we love God and trust God, we will wait on Him and on his timing.**

**The Bible says:** 25 *To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?"asks the Holy One. 26 Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out one after another, calling each by its name. And he counts them to see that none are lost or have strayed away.*

*27 O Israel, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? How can you say God refuses to hear your case? 28 Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.*

*29 He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak.*

*30 Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. 31 **But those who wait on the LORD** will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:*

What does God say about himself in verses 25 - 29?

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What does God say will happen to people who wait on God to act on their behalf? See vs 31 \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some things you should wait on God for? (Think about: when to have a romantic boyfriend or girlfriend, when to finish school, when to start your own family, etc.)

Boyfriend / Girlfriend: \_\_\_\_\_

End schooling: \_\_\_\_\_

Start a family: \_\_\_\_\_

Always remember, even if we have done things our way instead of God's way such as had a baby before we were ready, dropped out of school too early, got into drugs, etc., God still dearly loves us and still has a wonderful plan for our life because he is a wonderful God and loving Heavenly Father. We need to just start following him today and he will work with our situation and help us become all that he wants us to be,

### **Now, the Five Steps to ... Find God's will and wonderful plan for your life:**

#### **1. Daily read and obey God's words (the Bible).**

**God told Joshua ...** "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Joshua 1:8 NASB

According to this verse, what do we have to do to be successful in the life God has for us? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### **2. Ask good and experienced people for advice**

*Without consultation, plans are frustrated (go wrong), But with many counselors they succeed. Proverbs 15:22 NASB*

What happens to our ideas or plans when we try to do things on our own? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens when we ask many good and experienced people for advice? \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes we think and feel sure that our idea, plan, or decision is the right one, but God says ...

*There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. (failure, problems). Proverbs 16:25 NASB*

#### **There are two stories in the Bible that teach this truth:**

In I Kings, a man who had just become king ignored the advice of the older men who had served under Solomon and instead took the advice of his younger buddies . The result was that he lost most of his kingdom. Read it sometime in I Kings 12: 1-19.

In the book of Ruth, Ruth, a young Moabite widow, took the advice of her mother-in-law, and wound up with a wonderful man as her husband. Read about it in Ruth chapters 3 & 4, and especially Ruth 3:5.

#### **3. Obey the people in authority over you.**

Often God's will and plan for our life is to simply obey those that he has placed in authority over us. When we do this, God will make things work out according to his wonderful plan for us.

*Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. Ephesians 6:1*

Children should obey: \_\_\_\_\_