# HOW TO APPROACH GOD'S WILL

A Study on Discovering God's Will

Various Passages

## **A FRUSTRATING TENSION**

✓ WHAT WE WANT: *Everything spelled out in great detail*.

✓ WHAT WE GET: <u>General guidelines with an occasional</u> <u>specific detail</u>.

### **HOW TO GET STARTED**

When searching for God's will...

- Start with the <u>BIBLE</u> <u>THE WORD OF GOD</u>. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 3:5-7)
- Listen for the <u>INNER PROMPTINGS</u> of the Holy Spirit. (Jude v.3, 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, <u>Psalm 32:8-9</u>, John 14:16-17)
- Pay attention to the <u>ADVICE OF OTHER CHRISTIANS</u>.

(Proverbs 19:20, <u>12:15</u>, 15:22, <u>14:7-8</u>, 12:5)

# • Obey the parts of His will that <u>YOU DO KNOW</u>.

(<u>Proverbs 4:18-19</u>, Hebrews 11)

# **REALife Application**

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