

# HOW TO MISS GOD'S WILL

*A Study on Discovering God's Will*

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(Genesis 3:6, 1 Corinthians 4:4, Proverbs 12:15, 14:12)

❷ Look for A 'STRANGE SIGN' from God.

(Judges 6:36-40, 2 Thess 2:9, 1 Jn 4:1-5, Ex 7:22, 2 Cor 11:14-15)

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(Hebrews 11:6, 11:32-40, Daniel 3:1-28, Job)

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(Proverbs 15:22, 27:5-6, 27:17, 13:20, 12:15)

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2. Pastor Jesse this week listed 4 traps that lead to really bad decisions. Are there any of these that you've fallen prey to in the past?

If so, what were the consequences?

Based on the insights from this week's message and Scriptures, how would you handle the situation differently in the future?

Which trap would you be most susceptible to fall into?

3. Solomon was the wisest man of his day, yet even he made some really bad decisions. A summary of Solomon's bad decisions can be found in 1 Kings 11:1-13. Read this passage and then answer the following questions:

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