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# Decision Making and Knowing God's Will

Ephesians 5:15-17

For greater detail, see *Decision Making and the Will of God*  
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“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:15-17

Definitions of God’s Will:

**God’s Sovereign Will** is known in general terms but is a mystery in the particulars and is only known for sure after the fact.

**God’s Moral Will** is how God desires us to live as human beings.

**God’s “Individual Will”** is God's ideal, detailed life plan uniquely designed for each person

**The Problem with an “Individual Will”: Hitting the Bullseye**

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## The Way of Wisdom and Freedom Within God's Moral Will

Example of marriage:

- **Moral will of God:** 2 Corinthians 6:14
- **Area of Freedom (and wisdom):** 1 Corinthians 7:39-40

### Which does Scripture teach?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalms 32:8-9

Isaiah 30:21

Many examples of God giving clear direction

Ephesians 5:15-17

### Why we like the “dot” theory

1. We want control.
2. It shields us from taking responsibility for our decisions.
3. It just seems more spiritual.