

Finding God's Will
"The Life of Paul" episode 18
Acts 16:1-10

Josh was frustrated and confused. What to do? So many options, so many opportunities . . . "Should I marry? If so, should I marry Sara? If so, how soon? And what should I do in life? I majored in business, but being a missionary or a pastor appeals to me. Should I go to seminary? I wish I knew God's will..."

Five rules of God's will from the life of Paul:

1. **S** _____: Acquire God's desires. 16:1 * check your heart
Acts 9:15 13:1-2 Matt 6:33 22:37 Rom 1:11-15 12:1-2
1 Cor 1:1 Gal 1:1 James 1:5 2 Sam 23:5 Ps 37:4 Prov 2:1-5
Attitude needed: submission
Key Q1: "Do I have God's _____, or my own?"

2. **D** _____: Gather wisdom. 16:2 * check your mind
a. God's Word 13:46-47 15:15-18 Josh 1:8 Gal 2:14
b. counselors 15:2, 38 16:2 20:16 1 K 12:7-11 Ps 1 Prov 12:15
c. common sense 6:3 15:22 16:3,13 20:16 1 Thess 3:1
Attitude needed: curiosity
Key Q2: "Am I seeking wisdom, or close-minded?"

3. **M** _____: Plan, decide, and act. 16:6-8 * check your feet
Acts 15:36 18:21 Rom 1:13 15:23-24 2 Cor 1:15-17
Attitude needed: activity
Key Q3: "Am I a moving _____, or in drydock?"

4. **A** _____: Adjust to God's activity. 16:6-8 * check your neck
Ruth 2:3 Eccl 9:11 Rom 1:10,13 1 Cor 16:5-7 Rev 3:7-8
Attitude needed: flexibility
Key Q4: "Is God opening this door, or closing it?"

5. **R** _____: Leave the results with God. 16:6-7 * check your spirit
Acts 18:21 2 Cor 11:24-28 Philipians 1:12-14 James 4:13-17
Attitude needed: trust
Key Q5: "Am I resting in God, or fighting Him?"