

Faithful Instructions

This is God's Will for You in Christ Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

God wants his people to be **SEEKERS**.

1. Seekers get **WISE** counsel. (*Proverbs 24:6*)

- Get as **MUCH** counsel as possible.
- Get as **MATURE** counsel as possible:
Spiritual maturity, Emotional maturity, Experiential maturity.

2. Seekers **THINK** wisely.

- Consider the options: Positives & negatives of each.
- Circumstances are only indicators; they don't dictate a decision.

3. Seekers **LISTEN** wisely.

Listen often. Once is not enough.

THREE TESTS OF LISTENING:

- The test of **TIME**.
- The test of **SCRIPTURE**.
- The test of **INTERNAL PEACE**.

God doesn't give us the "destination." He wants to be our daily guide. Therefore, God's guidance is revealed in small increments on a daily basis.

Listen and respond when God **CLOSES** or **OPENS** doors.

4. Seekers **ACT** wisely.

- Don't passively expect God to do everything for you.
- Seek employment, send resumes, send applications, visit campuses, take tests, make the proper contacts.

5. Seekers **REFLECT** to know themselves well.

- What is my personality type? What is my spiritual gift?
- What sin am I prone to? Would this option negatively affect my weakness?
- What do I do well? What do I like to do? Do I work better with people or alone?
- Do I need challenge and change, or a consistent routine?

THEN: Given my abilities, aptitudes, gifts, desires and opportunity, which decision would offer the greatest potential for my service to the Lord and obedience to his moral will?

