

KNOWING WHAT GOD WANTS
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(New Living Translation)

Psalm 32:8 The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

9 Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."

_____ With Your Relationship With God

Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

John 6:28 They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?"

29 Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."

Isaiah 26:7 But for those who are righteous, the way is not steep and rough. You are a God who does what is right, and you smooth out the path ahead of them.

8 Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws; our heart's desire is to glorify your name.

Philippians 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

_____ Your Thinking

Am I Thinking _____ Thoughts

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Am I Thinking _____ Thoughts

1 Corinthians 2:13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.

14 But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

15 Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.

16 For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

_____ Reliable Information

_____ The Bible

Psalms 33:4 For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does.

Psalms 119:9 How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

10 I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands.

11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Talk To God _____ Prayer

James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

_____ To Godly People

Proverbs 12:15 Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.

Your Desires

Psalm 37:4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.
5 Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

Out In Obedience To What You Know

Exodus 14:15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to get moving!"

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.
106 I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again: I will obey your righteous regulations.

Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!
36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

Focused On What Is Most Important

Mark 12:29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.
30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'
31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."