

KEYS TO DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

1. KEYS TO HEARING AND DISCERNING

- A. God wants us to know His will and we can pray to find out His will.
 - i. **Colossians 1:9-10** For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.
 - ii. **Romans 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- B. God does speak. **Job 33:14** God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it.
 - i. His Sheep hear His voice. **John 10**
 - ii. Call to Me and I will answer you. **Jeremiah 33:3**
 - iii. The Father wants you to hear His voice even more than you desire to hear it.
- C. Abide in Him. **John 15**.
 - i. Fruitfulness – “I only do what I see the Father is doing”
 - ii. Oh that all God's people would prophesy **Numbers 11**
 - iii. “*Eldad*” – the one whom God loves. “*Meydad*” – beloved friend (love)
 - iv. He tells His secrets to His friends **John 15**.
- D. The priority of the preeminence of Jesus. (The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy)
 - i. Many miss God's best because they pursue the gift as a priority rather than the giver.
 - ii. What happens when we only pursue the dreams of our heart? What are the dreams of God?
 - iii. Our adoption story.
 - iv. If you care for His dreams, you'll see Him fulfill your dreams.
 - v. Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,” says the Lord. “You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?” says the Lord of hosts. “Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. **Haggai 1:8-9**
 - vi. “*I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is writing a love story to the world.*” – Mother Teresa
- E. Willingness. Listen to God rather than just come to hear God voice.
 - i. We are conditioned to be entertained.
 - ii. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land. **Isaiah 1:19**
 - iii. Then He said to another, “Follow Me.”
But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”
60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.” 61 And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.” 62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” **Luke 9:59-62**
 - iv. **Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- F. Take risks (demonstrates faith).
 - i. The dream may cost us everything. Are you willing to pay the price?
 - ii. Are you willing to pay the price of not following the dream?
 - iii. Practice – Become intimate with the sound of His voice
 - iv. Learn to follow peace. **Isaiah 55:12**
 - v. Faithfulness – If you are faithful with the little, He will give you more.
 - vi. Discernment. **Jer 15:19** If you take out the precious from the vile; you shall be as My mouth.
- G. Ask for confirmation. Let everything be established through the mouth of two or three witnesses.

2. HEARING GOD'S VOICE EXERCISE

- A. Listening prayer. What are Your plans for this year? How can I participate?