

Lemoore church of Christ

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How to Know What God Wants Me to Do?

We all face important decisions. These decisions will often have a great impact on us and our families. It may be a question about what job to take, or where to live, or what school to attend, etc. What should we do? Does God offer any help or guidance in making such decisions? We believe the answer is YES! How does God give this guidance? In many ways

- 1) **Through the Word**. The vast majority of answers are here. There are positive commands that tell us what we should do. For example, Matthew 28:19 instructs us to teach the gospel to others. You don't have to wonder if God wants you to speak to your neighbor about salvation. He does, and He said so! There are also negative commands that tell us what to avoid. If, for instance, you are praying about whether or not you should honestly report your income taxes, save your breath! God has already given that answer (Eph. 4:25). Don't be looking for additional guidance in areas where God has already said 'no' or 'yes.'
- 2) **Through prayer**. Christians are to be consistent in prayer (1 Thess. 5:17). God promises to answer our prayers. We ought to approach Him with petitions for help with our important decisions (1 Peter 3:12). If you don't believe this will work, then don't bother to ask! (James 1:5-7).
- 3) **Through circumstances**. In the Old Testament, Joseph suffered a number of awful and unjust things. In the end, he was wise enough to realize that God had used those circumstances to accomplish His will (Gen. 45:7,8). Be careful here this 'guidance through circumstances' is sometimes hard to detect, and some are quick to jump to false conclusions.
- 4) **Through the counsel of others**. The many commands that urge us to exhort and encourage our fellow Christians (Heb. 3:13, Gal. 6:2) demonstrate that God intends for us to help one another with the difficult things in our lives. by *Greg Gwinn* -

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 152	Mark 9:14-29
Monday	Day 153	Mark 9:30-32
Tuesday	Day 154	Matthew 17:24-27
Wednesday	Day 155	Matthew 18:1-6
Thursday	Day 156	Mark 9:33-37
Friday	Day 157	Matthew 18:7-9
Saturday	Day 158	Mark 9:38-41

Prayer List:

<u>Sandy</u> Curtis has been released from quarantine Kim <u>Cargill</u>, <u>Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom</u> recovering from cancer surgery.

Red Cooper recovering from surgery.

<u>Marjory Cooper</u> went to the ER for a foot infection <u>Lena Jones</u> from Hanford, in hospital not doing well.

The Fraley/Virden families as they mourn Lora's passing. A memorial service for Lora and Glenn will be held in the future.

<u>Gary Cole</u> as he faces ongoing medical issues. <u>Richard Hunsberger, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepdad,</u> is now home.

<u>Bodie, friend of Bailey Radcliff,</u> diagnosed with 2 brain tumors.

<u>Rita Frankmore</u> is under the care of a home health care nurse.

Wayne Bergeron, friend of Lisa Butts, has begun both chemo and radiation. It is making him very ill. Meryl Wamhoff, friend of Lisa Butts, has had a third surgery. They are now working on rebuilding his face.

<u>Gary Radcliff, Garth's father</u>, may have radiation again in the future.

<u>Marlon Raygoza</u> that he gets the supervision he needs to make positive changes in his life.

Linda Frye, Cancer

<u>Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin,</u> blood clots in his legs but has returned to work.

<u>Angie and Tito Cano</u>- on maintenance meds <u>Alexis Raygoza</u> recovering from health issues. <u>Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair</u>, stage 4 stomach cancer

Doug Standridge

<u>Casey Case</u> Jr ongoing oncology treatment Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting