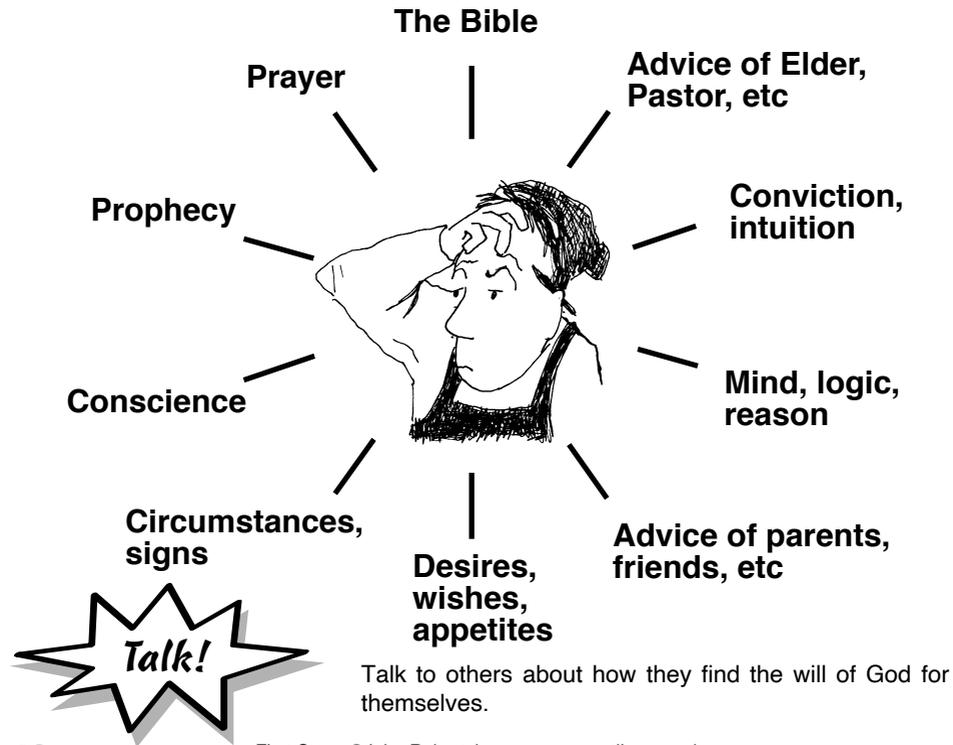


● **Obedience to God can mean obedience to others**

Acts Ch 5: v 29	
Heb Ch 13 v 7, 17	
Rom Ch 13: v 1-7	
Eph Ch 5: v 21	
Eph Ch 5 v 22-24	
Eph Ch 6: v 1-3	
Eph Ch 6: v 5-8	

● **Finding the will of God**

The Holy Spirit can speak to you through a number of different channels — here are some of them — listen to them all!



# Servant of God



Before you became a Christian, you were a slave of sin, your human nature, and Satan. They were hard taskmasters who ruled your life. Now, by the kindness of God, you are *free* of those things and have *chosen to serve God*. Your *new boss* will be able to help you as long as you submit to him and obey him.

Your new boss will make demands on you — in fact he asks for your whole life!

**\* Matthew Ch 16: v 24-28**

What must we do to follow Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (v 24)

What must you do to save and find your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (v 25)

But God is not a hard taskmaster. We are his children as well as his servants and the choice is always ours to serve him or not. We need to trust his promises that serving him is the *best way of life now* and will lead to *eternal life in the future*.

**\* John Ch 14: v 15**

Why do we obey Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

**\* John Ch 15: v 9-13**

Who is our example of obedience? \_\_\_\_\_ (v 10)

What is the result of obedience? \_\_\_\_\_ (v 11)

What is the command of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ (v 12)

● **Finding joy**

J		s		s	first		
O	t		e		s	next	
Y		u		s		I	last



● **Living sacrifices**

\* Romans Ch 12: v 1-2

What can you offer as a living sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_

A **sacrifice** used to be a valuable thing (eg a lamb) given to God as part of worship. We are asked to give our bodies to God for him to use during our lives. We are no longer our own, *we belong to God*. He has plans for us in his Kingdom which can only be fulfilled as we yield ourselves to him so that *we are his instruments* here on earth.

What should we *not conform* to? \_\_\_\_\_

As Christians, we expect to be different from those around us — we belong to a different Kingdom!

How are we *transformed*? \_\_\_\_\_

As the Holy Spirit guides us, our whole way of thinking can be changed so that we are in tune with the will of God.

● **Using time wisely**

\* Psalm 31: v 14-15

I trust in you, O Lord; I say \_\_\_\_\_

My times are \_\_\_\_\_

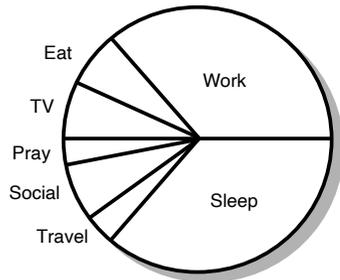
\* Ephesians Ch 5: v 15-17

How should we use our time?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How do you spend your time?



\* Ecclesiastes Ch 3: v 1-8



\* 1 Corinthians Ch 6: v 19-20

What is your body? \_\_\_\_\_



**Is Jesus Lord of my life?**

• **Work, college, school**

Do I take God to work with me — Do I ask God to guide me at work — Am I prepared to stay where I am or move jobs if God tells me to — Am I honest in my dealings at work — How do I treat my boss and others at work — Do I gossip behind people's backs?



• **Home, family**

Is God in my family life — How do I treat my parents, brothers, sisters, children, husband, wife — Do I love them and pray for them — Am I helpful at home and do I live for Jesus and bring happiness — Am I bad tempered and difficult to live with?

• **Recreation, interests**

Have I ever prayed about my interests and activities — Are they all appropriate for a Christian — Do I waste time, watch too much TV, drink too much etc?



• **Friendships, relationships**

How am I with my friends — Do I listen as well as talk — Do I think about their needs and give practical help — Do I forgive and say sorry when things get strained — Have I asked God about my boyfriend/girlfriend?

• **Sex**

Do I have a clear conscience before God in this area of my life — Am I happy that God is watching all that I do?



• **Money, possessions**

Have I said to God "All that I have is yours, Lord" — Am I selfish with the things that I have — Do I consider myself as a steward of God's things — Do I pray about my giving to others and the work of God — Am I impulsive when I go shopping — Do I pray before I buy — Am I living within my means — Am I sliding into debt — Am I honest in all my financial dealings?

• **Prayer and Bible study**

Do I spend enough time alone with God or is he getting squeezed out of my life?



• **Thoughts**

Are my thoughts under the control of God?

***If he is not Lord of all, he is not really Lord at all!***