

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Guided by God” – Pt. 1

“Deeper – Discovering Your Potential Through the Power of the Holy Spirit” – Pt. 11
John 15:1-17 & Selected

Basic Truths Regarding Knowing the Will of God:

1. God is _____!
“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!” Psalm 34:8
2. God _____ His children!
“Give thanks to the God of Heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 136:26
3. God _____ His children to know His will!
“Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.” King David (Psalm 25:4-50)

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.” King Solomon (Proverbs 3:5-6)

“The LORD is my shepherd....” Psalm 23:1a
4. God is full of _____ and _____ towards His children!
5. _____ is the ultimate key to knowing God’s will and receiving His guidance!
“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Two Traps Ensnaring Many Regarding the Holy Spirit and God's

Guidance:

1. The _____ trap.
2. The _____ trap.

"Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
O'er every thought and step preside."

Simon Browne (1680-1732)

To Be Guided by God...

- i. I must pursue God in a _____.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." Vs. 7

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit." Vs. 16a

"The LORD is my shepherd..." Psalm 23:1a

Jesus, "You shall love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord." 1 Peter 3:15a NIV

- Is the LORD my _____?
- Am I in a true _____ relationship with God?
- Am I _____ the Lord as He desires?
- Do I love my _____ as I am commanded?
- Have I set apart Christ as _____ of my life?