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John 14:23-27

Discovering God's will is an ongoing adventure with rewards along the way. His Word is our map for the journey, and the Holy Spirit is our guide, who provides "road signs" as we travel.

Circumstances. God may use situations—even negative ones—to communicate with us (Phil. 1:12). To discern the meaning of a situation, we must relate biblical principles to our circumstances. God never contradicts His Word, and His will always upholds it.

Counsel. God may direct us through counsel from other believers (Prov. 1:5). To assess what they are saying, ask yourself, *Do they honor the Lord in their attitudes and choices? Are their decisions based on scriptural truth? Do they offer biblical principles to help me find God's will, or just their own opinion?*

Conscience. Once our "inner alarm system" has been programmed according to scriptural foundations, we can use it as a resource to determine God's plan for our life (1 Tim. 1:19).

Common Sense. When decisions need to be made quickly, the Spirit helps us think through which choices will honor God (James 1:5-6).

Compulsion. Sometimes God gives us compelling desires to see certain things happen. If we see no contradiction with Scripture and our inner feelings remain strong over time, we

should move ahead (Ps. 33:4 NIV; 1 Cor. 9:16).

Contentment. God gives peace when we accept His choices for us (Isa. 26:3).

With your instruction book in hand, are you watching for the "road signs" that God places in your path? The heavenly Father does not want you to miss His perfect will for your life.

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