



# Through Gates Of Splendour & The Will Of God

There are few subjects more important for Christians than that of finding the will of God for his or her life. When I was teaching “A Man for God’s Plan, the story of Jim Elliot,” as produced by CEF Press, I found a very good summary of the path to knowing God’s will.

**Notice the two feet: Pray and Trust.** As we move along the path to knowing the will of God we must pray. A good prayer might be that of Samuel, “Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth.” **1 Samuel 3:9-10.** As pray we must also trust. “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” **Proverbs 3:5-6**

## 1. FIRST AND FOREMOST

**What does the Bible say?** God does not contradict Himself. What God has written in His word WILL NEVER BE CONTRADICTED by a prompting of the Holy Spirit.

The opposite is also true. A Christian can never go wrong in obeying the Word of God. We are told to go, “into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15. If I make a mistake about the place God wants to send me, and go

to Africa to preach rather than to Asia, I will miss God’s perfect will, but I will still be well within His general will.

## 2. CIRCUMSTANCES

Very few 85 year-olds will be called to be a missionary to the jungles of New Guinea. The doors to some communist or Islamic countries are very tightly shut and very few Christians would be called as missionaries to these places: however, we do serve a great God and He does specialize in doing things thought impossible. God has called men into the ministry with very severe speech impediments and used them in ways no one would have imagined possible.

## 3. ADVICE OF OTHER CHRISTIANS

Consult your parents, pastor, teachers and Christian friends. What talents, or gifts, do they see in you? What training do they suggest you get? It is important that you learn as much as possible about the things you think might be God’s will for you. “Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is safety.*” **Pro.11:14**

## 4. THE NEED

Is there a need? Where is it needed? Do your research. Are jungle pilots needed

in Japan? Are gospel singers the crying need of the Amazon?

## 5. THE HOLY SPIRIT

This step is the second most important of the entire list, coming just behind the instructions of the Word of God. God does lead people to do things despite the circumstances, despite the advice of other Christians, sometimes despite the fact that others don’t see the need. How does God say we’ll know what He wants? **Proverbs 3:5-6**

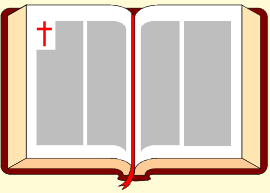
## CONCLUSION:

A theme verse for this study might be **Psalm 143:10**, “Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God.”

When all the “road signs” agree, you can be move toward doing God’s will. If any of the signs do not agree, **be careful.** God’s will always agrees with God’s word. God will give you peace in knowing you are following His plan.

**Teachers:** I would recommend the CEF lesson called, “A Man for God’s Plan, the story of Jim Elliot.” I also recommend the book, “Through Gates of Splendour,” by Elizabeth Elliot. (The story of the five missionary martyrs of Ecuador)

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START  
HERE**



**THE BIBLE**  
What Does It Say?

**FOLLOW  
GOD'S  
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TO  
HIS  
WILL**



**CIRCUMSTANCES**  
Can I Do It?



**ADVICE**  
What Do Other Christians Say?



**NEED**  
Is There A Need I Can Meet?



**HOLY SPIRIT**  
Do I Have God's Peace?



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