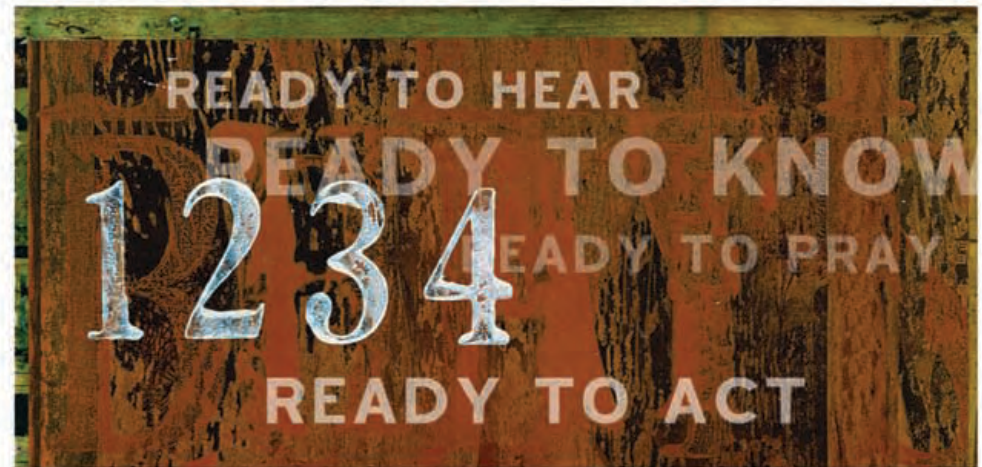




READY FOR LIFE DEVOTIONAL ON THE SURRENDERED LIFE

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READY FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

Seeking God's Will in Life Decisions

*A Twenty-One Day Devotional
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Ready To Know

Day Nine

Living for His glory

MEDITATE: "But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." *Galatians 6.14*

READ: Galatians 6.11-15 (Ephesians 2:8-9)

- Do you *live* by grace? Try this experiment:
Let's say your morning begins with a great QT and extended prayer time. A person in your class tells you that they have been thinking about spiritual things and wanted to know what you think. How would you feel about sharing your faith?
Now let's say, you woke up late this morning, missed your QT and had a critical attitude all morning. You go to class and the person asks you about spiritual things. Would you feel differently or less comfortable about sharing your faith? Why?
- What does this experiment tell you about whether you live by grace or by your works?
- When you talk about ministry, are you more likely to start by speaking of God's remarkable work in your life and ministry or are you more likely to begin by talking about yourself?
- Verse 15 essentially says that it is not what we do or what we do not do that matters, but what matters is what God has done in making us a new creation. How does this give you freedom? How does it warm your heart to the Savior?

THINK: To think that God will love you more for what you do, or that you can have a greater standing before God because of what you do, is to boast in your works, not in the cross. Likewise when we think that our gifts, talents, and abilities is what is making our Bible study or ministry successful is also to boast in our flesh. How can you boast in God's grace in your life and ministry?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Know

Day Ten

Laying up treasures in Heaven

MEDITATE: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." *Matthew 6:21*

READ: Matthew 6:19-24 (Luke 12:16-21)

- Where are the two places that you can lay up treasures for yourself? What happens to the treasures in each place?
- Think of someone you know who has placed heavenly values over earthly values and vice versa. What is it that you see in their lives to let you know where their treasures (and thus, their hearts) lie?
- What are some indicators that someone your age is laying up treasures on earth?
- What are some indicators that someone your age is laying up treasures in heaven?

THINK: As you think about college graduation, what occupies your dreams and thoughts the most? (Success, significance, making money, gaining possessions, status, prestige, serving God, loving others, making an eternal impact?) Would you say that your thoughts revolve more around storing up earthly treasures or heavenly treasures? What factors have caused you to think this way?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Know Day Eleven

Walking the path to true contentment

MEDITATE: *“But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment.”*
1 Timothy 6:6

READ: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (2 Timothy 4:7)

- What warnings are given about things to avoid in our pursuit of godliness? What reasons are given for avoiding such snares?
- What actions help us to ‘fight the good fight of faith’? What attitudes help us to lay a ‘good foundation for the future’?
- Knowing yourself, what temptations do you need to avoid in order to ‘fight the good fight of faith’?
- What principle in this passage, if applied to your life, would cause you to be more content in life? How can you live out that principle in the next few years?

THINK: What is it that you really want out of life? When you think in the category of “things money can’t buy” what are some of the most important things to you? How can you pursue those dreams and desires in each of the career options before you?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Know Day Eight

Living for Others

WEEK TWO MEMORY VERSE: *“But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.”*
Matthew 6:33

READ: Philippians 2:3-4 and Hebrews 10:24-25

- How would you sum up what our attitude toward other people ought not to be? Ought to be?
- How do these instructions help us to live in humility as well as follow Christ’s example of how to live for others?
- From the Hebrews passage, what can we do to live for others?
- Is there someone in your life who could use your encouragement toward “love and good deeds” or toward living for Christ? Who and what can you do to help them?
- How does it affect your life when you gather together with other believers? What would happen if there were long periods of time when you were not gathered with other believers?

THINK: At the end of your life, what do you want the “other people” in your life to say about you? How would you like to be remembered?

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Ready To Hear

Day Seven

Keeping an eternal perspective

MEDITATE: “Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” Colossians 3:1

READ: Colossians 3:1-4 (Matthew 6:33)

- Chapter 3 begins by addressing those who have been raised up with Christ. This means that believers have been brought to life spiritually through Jesus and that in Him many things are true of us. Make a list of all the things that Colossians says is true of you ‘in Him’, ‘through Him’, and ‘with Him’ (read also 3:3). How does this warm your heart to the Savior?
- Our response to these things is to set our hearts and minds on things above, not on earthly things. What are the earthly things that tend to capture your heart and/or captivate your mind?
- ‘Setting your heart’ suggests *striving* after heavenly things and ‘setting your mind’ suggests *concentrating* on them. How does *concentrating* on the things Colossians says is eternally true of you motivate and give you boldness to *strive* after eternally significant things?

THINK: C.T. Studd said, “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.” Verse 4 ends with a reminder that since the ‘in Him’, ‘through Him’ and ‘with Him’ things are true of us, that we will be with Him in glory. Eternal perspective involves seeing yourself as you are seen in heaven and pursuing heavenly things. How would your desires, dreams, and beliefs change if you were to set your heart and mind on these things?

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Ready To Know

Day Twelve

Examining the Greatest Commandments

MEDITATE: “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

READ: Mark 12:30-31 (Revelation 3:15-16; John 13:34, 35)

- How are we to love God? How are we to love others?
- Why, out of the hundreds of commandments in the Old Testament, do you think that Jesus said these were the two greatest commandments? How do these “sum up the whole law”?
- What can compete for your love for God? What can cause you to be “lukewarm” as described in Revelation 3:16?
- What is an unselfish act that you can do in order to show love to someone else this week?

THINK: These commandments apply to all believers, regardless of their vocation. As you consider the career options before you, ask yourself, ‘how will I be able to love God and love others’ as Jesus commanded. How well will you be able to live out this command? How could you be hindered in living out this command?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Know Day Thirteen

Praying for workers in the harvest

MEDITATE: *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”*
Matthew 9:37

READ: Matthew 9:36-38 (John 4:34-35)

- What caused Jesus to feel compassion?
- What do you think He was “seeing” as He looked at the multitudes?
- What was the specific instruction that Jesus gave to the disciples about what they were seeing?
- What stirs your heart to feel compassion for other people? When was the last time you had a unique experience of seeing someone through God’s eyes? What did it cause you to do or to feel?
- Will you take a moment and pray for “workers” to help reach the people groups that you feel the most compassion for?

THINK: How often do you think about being a ‘worker in the harvest’ in whatever job you have after college? Given the opportunities before you, how could you be a ‘worker in the harvest’ in each setting?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Hear Day Six

Knowing I am His son/daughter

MEDITATE: *“Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.”*
Galatians 4:7

READ: Galatians 4:4-7 (Romans 8:12-17)

- What are some of the differences in how a slave and a son respond to the head of the house? As you think about obedience to the Lord, do you interact with Him more as a son or a slave?
- Our Father deeply desires that we relate to Him as children, who are free to obey and love Him and not as slaves who fearfully labor for one who does not want their hearts, but only their work. How does meditating on your sonship in Christ warm your heart to the Savior?
- Have you ever meditated on how big of a deal it is that you are God’s son/daughter? Consider Ephesians 2:1-10. There is a huge difference between who we were before Christ and who we are now. It was not enough for God to save us in our rebellion against Him. He also made us His children.
- God also makes us His heirs. What does this mean? What are we heirs of?

THINK: You are a child of the Most High God! You no longer have to live as a slave to sin (because you are saved) nor are you a slave to God, since you are His son. How does knowing you are His son give you security and rest? How does it motivate you for a life of obedience? How would your sonship enable you to make bold decisions about your life?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Hear

Day Five

Believing that He knows me

MEDITATE: "O Lord, Thou has searched me and known me."
Psalm 139:1

READ: Psalm 139:1-16 (Ephesians 2:10)

- What does the Psalmist claim that God knows about him?
- How does he respond to that realization?
- What does God know about you?
- Will you thank Him now for all that He knows about you, including your past, the path of your life so far, and the way the he made your physical body? (be specific)

THINK: Nothing about your life has escaped God's notice. The events, circumstances and emotions of your life are all known by God. Are you willing to *thank* Him for both the good and the bad and *allow* Him to use those things for His will and His glory no matter what you do after college?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Know

Day Fourteen

Knowing God's Heart for the Nations

MEDITATE: "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy..." *Psalm 67.4*

READ: Psalm 67 (Romans 10:12-16)

- Psalm 67 talks a lot about the nations praising God, being glad, and singing for joy. When you think of worshipping the Lord, what things are you most thankful for?
- John Piper suggests that missions exist because worship of God does not. In other words missions exist to bring worship to people who cannot worship or be glad, for they have no Savior. What would your life be like if you had no cause to worship? If you had no Savior?
- How does it make you feel to know that God uses His people as His means to bring worship to the nations? Read Romans 10.12-16. Who brought you to worship the Lord?

THINK: God's heart for missions begins with His desire to be glorified throughout the world. God is glorified when we worship Him with our lips, our actions, and our lives and when we take our worship to nations that do not know the name of Jesus. Thus missions is worship. Have you ever thought of missions as an act of worship? What would it be like to see a person in another country who has never heard the name of Jesus worship Him for the very first time? Let the nations be glad!

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Act

Day Fifteen

Trusting His ways

Ready To Hear

Day Four

Renewing my mind

WEEK THREE MEMORY VERSE:

“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.” 1 Samuel 15:22

READ: Proverbs 3:5-6 (Judges 6 & 7)

- What are we told to DO in this passage? What are we told NOT to do?
- While this sounds so simple, living it out can be more difficult. Why is that?
- Read the story of Gideon in Judges 6:11-7:23. How did Gideon follow God’s ways instead of His own? What do you think was going on in His heart as this story unfolded? What were the results of obeying God’s ways?
- Has there been a time that you followed God’s ways even when though it went against your own understanding? What happened?

THINK: What if God asked you to do something that didn’t make sense to you or to those around you? How would you feel? What would you do? As you pray about your future, are you sincerely trying to follow God’s ways? Or do you find yourself, at times, wanting God to approve of the path you have planned out?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

MEDITATE: *“Whom do I have in heaven but You? And the earth has nothing I desire besides You.” Psalm 73:25*

READ: Psalm 73 (Romans 12:1-2)

- How does the Psalmist describe his perspective and attitude (73.1-5; 13-14)? What is his perspective and attitude towards the wicked who surround him (73.6-12)?
- Can you think of a time when you have had a crisis of faith (when your foot almost slipped)? What brought you out of it?
- The turning point of the Psalm is in vv. 15-17 when the Psalmist meets with God. From this point until the end of the Psalm, his perspective changes and he begins to perceive things rightly, from God’s perspective. How has meeting with the Lord corrected your own perspectives, revealed your sin (vv. 21-22), or changed the way that you perceive the world, the wicked, and yourself?

THINK: God is our creator and sovereign Lord. He is blind to nothing and even when bad things happen, we can have confidence that He is in control. When we see the wicked prosper or other things that make no sense to us, we must take comfort in God’s word and do our best to know His perspective. When you see life played out in front of you, do you interpret it in light of God’s word? When you feel hopeless, where do you turn in God’s word to bring you comfort? As you look towards life after college, do you see it through a Biblical grid?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Hear

Day Three

Keeping a clean heart

MEDITATE: *“I acknowledged my sin to Thee, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”; And Thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin.”* Psalm 32:5

READ: Psalm 32: 1-7 (Psalm 51)

- How does the Psalmist describe the effects of sin in his own life?
- Holding on to sin not only affects us spiritually, but also physically, emotionally and relationally. How have you seen those affects of sin in your own life? Think of a specific example.
- What steps would you take to “acknowledge” and “confess” your sin? Describe a time in the past few years when you experienced the weight of sin lifted from you.
- If there is any sin in your life today that is hindering your relationship and communication with God, will you confess it and make things right?

THINK: How would sin --- something you’ve done or an attitude that you’re holding on to --- affect your ability to hear from God as you pray about His will for your life after college? As you seek to have a clean heart before God, consider areas of your life such as lust, selfishness, materialism, greed, unforgiveness, holding grudges, demanding your own way, worry, impurity or immorality, etc. How could sin in one of these areas of your life be hindering you from hearing clearly from God?

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Ready To Act

Day Sixteen

Using the talents He has given me

MEDITATE: *“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”* 1 Peter 4:10

READ: Matthew 25:14-30 (1 Peter 4:10-11)

- What does the Master expect of those that He has entrusted His possessions to?
- What character qualities and actions does the Master praise?
- What has God entrusted to you? (gifts, talents, experiences, etc.)
- How have you used the “talents” that God has given you during your college years? Would you hear “well done, good and faithful servant” from the Master? Why or why not?

THINK: You have a unique heritage, spiritual journey, personality and gifts. Have you considered how each of those factors can play into your career decisions?

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Ready To Act

Day Seventeen

Stepping out of my comfort zone

MEDITATE: *“And he said, “Behold, Here am I, Lord.” Acts 9:10b*

READ: Acts 9:10-19 (1 Samuel 3)

- What was Ananias’ heart response toward God in verse 10?
- How did it change as God revealed his ‘assignment’ for him?
- What happened as a result of Ananias’ obedience? How could an experience like that change your life?
- Has God ever prompted you, or led you, to do something that made you want to say “I object!”? If so, what was the result of either your obedience or your disobedience?

THINK: Obedience brings blessing. If God were to lead you to do something that is not currently on your ‘list of options’, how might you respond? Are you ready and willing to obey as you seek God’s will for your life?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Hear

Day Two

Valuing and honoring His Word

MEDITATE: *“Thy testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors.”
Psalm 119:24*

READ: Psalm 119:33-38 (Psalm 1:1-3)

- What are all the things that the Psalmist asks for?
- Why are these the things that he wants from the Lord?
- When you pray, what are the things you are most likely to ask for yourself?
- How would you rate your desire to know God’s word *so that* you keep or obey His laws? (very high, depends on the situation, rarely think about it)

THINK: Do you see God’s word as a guide in helping you make a career decision? Are you being diligent to read and study the Bible? Do you value the counsel of God’s word over the counsel of your family and friends? Why or why not?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Hear

Day One

Seeing Him as my good shepherd

WEEK ONE MEMORY VERSE: *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thought; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.”* Psalm 139:23-24

READ: Psalm 23 (John 10:11, 14)

- What does a shepherd do for his sheep?
- As a shepherd, what does God do for His sheep?
- What are the most significant times that you have seen God as your shepherd (comforting, leading, guiding, protecting) you during your college years?
- Do you honestly see God as your good shepherd now? If so, what has contributed to you following Him in this way? If not, what prevents you from truly seeing Him as your shepherd?

THINK: In order to look to God for His wisdom in what to do after college, you must believe that He CAN and that He WILL lead you in the best way. Can you trust Him with your life in that way? Be honest and list out the fears you have in trusting God to lead you in your career decisions.

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Act

Day Eighteen

Having confidence in God's Promises

MEDITATE: *“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”* Hebrews 11:6

READ: Numbers 13 and 14:6-10 (Hebrews 11:6)

- Why did God instruct Moses to send spy's into the land?
- What factors made ten of the spies report the impossibility of this feat?
- What caused Joshua and Caleb to have a different conclusion even though they saw the same things as the other ten spies?
- After all that the Israelites had been through, they were on the brink of blessing. What would they have needed to do in order to receive that blessing?

THINK: As you think about your future, is there something that you would really love to do if there just weren't so many barriers in the way? What is that? Do you sense that God is leading you in those dreams? What are the barriers that stand in the way? What are some promises that God gives to deal with each of those barriers?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready To Act

Day Nineteen

Asking for wisdom

MEDITATE: *“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God.”*
James 1:5

READ: James 1:2-8 (Philippians 4:6-7)

- What instructions are we given in this passage (our part)? What is true about God in this passage (His part)?
- Why do you think there is such strong instruction about asking for wisdom and not doubting that God will give it?
- Describe the difference between ‘praying with confidence’ and ‘praying with doubts’. Which one would best describe your prayers? Why?
- What are the specific things that you need wisdom about today? Have you seen Him give you wisdom in the past when you had a big decision before you? Describe that situation.

THINK: When you pray about your future, do you really believe that God will guide you? What are you praying for? Is it specific? Will you know when it has been answered?

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Prayer.

A relationship with God involves communication — telling God what is on our hearts, making requests and taking the time to listen and hear back from Him. James 1:5 says that if any of us lacks wisdom, to ask God. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us to let our requests be known. Spending time in prayer causes us to align our will with His will. **Do your prayers involve both sincere asking and quiet listening?**

Wise Counselors.

Those who have gone before you have learned many valuable lessons. Their insights, if guided by the Holy Spirit, can be of great help in your decision making. **Are your ‘counselors’ advising you from a biblical perspective?**

Circumstances and Desires.

We often stand amazed at how God works in our circumstances and even changes our heart’s desire. These are powerful factors in making a decision, especially when experienced in conjunction with all the principles listed above. However, circumstances and desires, when isolated from the previous principles, can easily be misleading. **Are you giving the proper “weight “ to how circumstances and desires are driving your decisions?**

A Process.

The combination of all these things will help lead you in making the BEST decisions. But this is not a fast process, not a one-time prayer or one quiet time. To take all these principles into consideration will require time and patience. Using this guide will help give you some tracks to run on as you seek God for His direction for your life.

Principles for Seeking God's Will

Ready to Act Day Twenty

Giving Him my heart

Master. Mate. Mission. These three major decisions will end up defining most of your life. Once we have established that God is indeed our Master, then the matter of our mate and mission becomes of utmost importance. These two decisions often lead us to asking “what is God’s will” more than any other decisions in life.

The following principles and questions will also help you in this process.

Ask the right question.

While it is natural, in our human state and in our American culture, to ask “what is God’s will for me?”, perhaps a better question is “How do I fit into God’s will?” He has a sovereign plan for the whole world. **Do you want to fit into His overall plan, or do you want Him to fit into your plans?**

A yielded life.

When seeking God’s will, it usually revolves around a specific decision that we are uncertain about. Before we seek God for the future, we need to make sure that we are submitting to God’s will in the present. Is He Lord of your life? Lord of your will? **Are you presently doing all the things that you do know to be God’s will?**

Guidance from God’s Word.

In the scriptures, we see many ways that God spoke — audibly, visions, revelations, prophets, etc. Today, though we have the full revealed will of God given to us in the scriptures. His word contains principles to guide our whole lives, not just isolated decisions that we will face at various times in life. **Are you consistently reading and studying God’s Word?**

MEDITATE: *“But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.”* Galatians 2:11

READ: Galatians 2:11-14 (John 12:43)

- What comes to your mind when you think about idolatry? Most of the time we think of pagan primitives bowing down to wood or stone idols that they made in their spare time. However, there is much more to the idea of idolatry. One pastor defines idols as, “Anything we believe apart from Christ to make us happy, satisfied, or fulfilled.” Think on this quote for a minute. Write down your immediate thoughts.
- Peter used to hang out over meals with his Gentile buddies. But when some of his hotshot Jewish friends came into town, he began to change his lunch plans since he did not want to be seen hanging out with ‘unclean’ Gentiles. At this instant, Peter began to care more for his popularity and approval than the gospel.
- Idols arise when we desire something more than we desire Jesus, put our trust in anything other than God, or serve any other thing rather than our Lord. You can see this in Peter’s life, how have you seen this in yours?

THINK: Generally, there are 4 things that can steal our hearts from God. When they do we begin to obey them more than the Lord and make decisions in light of them rather than making decisions in faith. They are: seeking comfort (fear of stress, demands), seeking approval (fear of rejection), seeking control (fear of uncertainty), and seeking power (fear of humiliation). Which do you struggle with? How can you replace it with faith in God?

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Ready to Act Day Twenty-one

Being a blessing to others

MEDITATE: “God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among the nations.”
Psalm 67

READ: Psalm 67

- Consider all the things that you consider to be the Lord’s blessing in your life. Why do you think that the Lord has blessed you so richly in so many ways?
- The first two verses of this psalm are very interesting. The psalmist is asking God’s blessing not for himself, but so he might be a blessing to others! Have you ever prayed like the psalmist that God would bless you so that you would have more to give?
- The reason the psalmist asked God to shine His face upon them and give them His favor was so God’s way would be known and salvation would be among the nations. God’s glory and the expansion of God’s kingdom were the focal points of his asking for blessing. When you pray for God’s blessings in your life, how could you begin to pray in a way that focused more on your blessing being for the nations and less for yourself?

THINK: What are the blessings God has given you and how could they be used to expand His glory to the nations? What could you begin to do now to develop a lifetime practice of blessing the nations with the things God gives you? Think of God’s gifts of time, finances, and your talents/abilities. Consider how God’s blessings in these categories could be given to advance His kingdom.

WRITE: What is God saying to you today?

Using This Devotional Guide

While most of you probably really want to know God’s will and want to do what He leads you to do, the process involved can seem so mysterious or vague, that it is just easier to utilize quicker or easier methods of making a decision.

This devotional guide has been written with you in mind to help you prepare your heart in seeking the Lord for His guidance in making your career decisions.

Week One — Ready to Hear

This week’s focus will be on examining your own heart condition. You will be preparing your heart to be able to hear from God.

Week Two — Ready to Know

This week’s focus will be on knowing God’s heart and thinking like God thinks. You will be gaining an eternal perspective to guide you in your decision making.

Week Three — Ready to Act

This week’s focus will be on following God in faith and obedience. You will be learning biblical truths about the blessings and consequences of your actions.

Next Step — Ready to Pray

After completing this guide, would you ask someone to be your prayer partner and pray with you for the next 30 days about what God wants you to do upon graduation?

College Graduation....what is next ?

Dear Graduating Senior,

As a student involved with Campus Crusade for Christ, you have had the opportunity to experience God working in your life and through your life. Hopefully, you are a 'changed person', not the same as the day you entered school as a freshman.

As you wrestle with the choices before you of 'what to do after college graduation', we would like to challenge you to sincerely go before God and patiently wait to hear from Him about His will for your life upon college graduation.

First, we are asking that you go through this devotional guide for 21 days to prepare your heart to pray for God's guidance.

Second, we are asking that you find a prayer partner and pray for 30 days about all the choices that are before you when you graduate.

Third, we would like to know if you committed to pray and at the end of that time, what you saw God do in your life and how He led you in your decisions.

God Bless you in all that you do,

The Campus Staff of the Red River Region
Campus Crusade for Christ

Ready to Pray

My Prayer Commitment

I will pray for the next 30 days about what it is that God wants me to do after college graduation. My prayer partner, _____, and I will pray together as many of those days as possible.

Signed _____ Date _____
(your name)

Recognizing that God is the sovereign Lord of my life, I will look to Him for guidance in making my life choices. I am thankful that He has a good plan for my life and I will trust Him as He reveals that to me. I am thankful that in whatever I do after college that I can go forward with confidence that I am following after God.

I commit to:

- Ask God how I fit into His plans
- Put all the options that I have before Him and seek His will for the best option.
- Ask Him to reveal whether or not I am living with an eternal perspective.
- Obey and follow through with what He shows me to do.

Other Resources

- Life Options Conference Tapes by Roger Hershey
- Articles from Discipleship Journal —
www.discipleshipjournal.com
 - God's Will: It's No Secret by Gerald L. Sittser
(Issue 103 Jan/Feb 1998)
 - Guidance for Your Journey by Howard Baker
(Issue 95 Sep/Oct 1996)
 - Eternal Perspective by Jonathan Graf
(Issue 29 Mar/Apr 2002)
- Cru.Com Bible Studies
<http://www.godsquad.com/resources/crucomm/>
- Courage and Calling: Embracing Your God-Given Potential by Gordon T. Smith
- Listening to God in Times of Choice: The Art of Discerning God's Will by Gordon T. Smith
- The Voice of Jesus: Discernment, Prayer and the Witness of the Spirit by Gordon T. Smith
- The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life by Os Guinness

College Graduation....what is next ?

Decisions.

Questions.

God's will.

Transitioning from college to the 'real world' is a new stage of life. One that requires careful thought, wise counsel and, (for the Christian student), sincere prayer and guidance from God.

Preparing your heart to
hear from God . . .