

## **D1-4: Biblical Decision Making and the Fallacy of “Finding” God’s Will**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

#### **I. God’s will in Scripture.**

##### **1. God’s revealed will.**

➔ *God’s commands reveal His will.*

Matthew 7:21.

1 Thessalonians 5:18.

1 Thessalonians 4:3.

➔ *God’s broad intentions for believers reveal His will.*

Romans 12:2.

➔ *God’s plan for human history reveals His will.*

Galatians 1:4.

Ephesians 1:9-10. .

*Summary:*

##### **2. God’s unrevealed will.**

Proverbs 16:1, 3, 9; 19:21; 20:24.

**Romans 15:30-32; 1:9-10.**

**Acts 18:20-21; 1 Corinthians 4:18-19.**

**James 4:13-15.**

**Deuteronomy 29:29.**

*Conclusion:*

**II. Man-centered attempts to “find God’s will” in decision making.**

**1. The purely pragmatic approach.**

**2. The “lucky-dip” approach with Scripture.**

**3. The prophecy approach.**

**4. The peaceful approach.**

**5. The opened or closed door approach.**

**6. The sign-seeking approach.**

**Observations and Conclusions:**

### **III. Decision making informed by Scripture.**

**1. In God's strength, be obedient to God's revealed will (commands, broad intentions).**

**2. Pray for wisdom.**

**3. Gather information and counsel.**

**4. Does the Bible speak directly to my decision?**

**5. How does the Bible speak indirectly to my decision?**

**6. Humbly follow your desire and decide.**