

## Please Pray

- ✳️ **Students core on the campuses:** “On each campus there needs to be a nucleus of students that can take up the leadership on that campus. This nucleus should consist of two to five brothers and sisters. There is no other way to carry out a work among the students. The church may have a burden to work at a certain school; however, the church cannot work at the school directly. It must raise up students to be the brothers and sisters who can take the lead on the campus and be burdened for the work there.” (Fellowship on Beginning the Work Among Students, CWWL, 1967, Vol. 2, pp. 208-209). Pray that the Lord would raise up a strong student nucleus this year at McGill, Concordia, and UdeM for His increase and spread on these campuses.
- ✳️ **Homes as fishing nets:** Our homes have several advantages. In America many freshmen attend college away from home. Since they are considered full-grown, they may leave home once they have graduated from high school. Many of them are lonely and homesick. If we invite them into our living rooms for a little snack or perhaps a dinner, they will feel at home, and this will open them to the Lord and the truth. Furthermore, people do not have a goal, and they are tired of their old manner of life. This situation is sovereign of the Lord... Many young people today do not have a goal. They are wondering what to do and where to go. They do not have a goal in their human life. The material riches of America cannot satisfy the hearts of the young people. Therefore, we must take this opportunity to fill up the gap in their hearts with Christ. The best way to do this is by opening up our homes. (Preaching the Gospel on the College Campuses, CWWL, 1977, Vol. 3, pp. 27-28). Pray for more home groups to be raised up for the student core to be connected to so that they can bring their friends and contacts into the homes of the saints.
- ✳️ **Bible distribution at the start of the school year:** We will continue to preach the gospel and distribute Bibles at McGill, Concordia and University of Montréal on September 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. The sign-up form has been sent out. May we cooperate with the Lord and sanctify some days to go out. May the Lord go before us and prepare the hearts of men. May the ones prepared by the Lord be brought to the saints. May we be channels of life to dispense life to all those in need. May we gain some useful materials for the Lord's building.
- ✳️ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✳️ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Isa. 2:1 – 8:22.
- ✳️ HWMR: Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 through 7, Week 7.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 44 and 45.

## Announcements

- ✳️ Registration has opened for the upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast, which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) on September 18-20, 2026. Registration deadline: September 7, 2026. Fees (USD): Full-Time: Adults \$165, Young People \$110, Children \$90. One night stay: Adults \$125, Young People \$80, Children \$70. Day-only: Adults \$55, Young People \$35, Children \$30. Payment: cash; cheques to “The Church in New York City”; electronic payment via Venmo (@NYCTrainingFund), and PayPal (nyctrainingfund@gmail.com).
- ✳️ This year's International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held from Thursday, November 26, through Lord's Day, November 29, 2026, at the Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center, Colorado Ballroom, 6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd., Aurora, CO 80019, and will be open to the public. There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese. Live and archived messages will be available at [ismwebcast.com](http://ismwebcast.com), and free for a period of 30 days after the conference.
- ✳️ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com), by Wednesday evening of every week. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

## Upcoming Events

- ✳️ September 18-20, Camp Penuel, Kingston, NY: **Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast.**
- ✳️ September 24-26, Amsterdam, NL: **September International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**
- ✳️ November 26-29, Denver, CO: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**

## This Week's Activities

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| <b>Sun-Aug-30<br/>LORD'S DAY</b> | ✳️ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.                                                                                                   |
| <b>Mon-Aug-31</b>                | ✳️                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Tues-Sep-01</b>               | ✳️ 7:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings in person and on Zoom.<br>✳️ Gospel preaching and Bible distribution at McGill-Concordia-UdM. |
| <b>Wed-Sep-02</b>                | ✳️ Gospel preaching and Bible distribution at McGill-Concordia-UdM.                                                                                          |
| <b>Thur-Sep-03</b>               | ✳️ Gospel preaching and Bible distribution at McGill-Concordia-UdM.                                                                                          |
| <b>Fri-Sep-04</b>                | ✳️ 6:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.                                                                |
| <b>Sat-Sep-05</b>                | ✳️                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sun-Sep-06<br/>LORD'S DAY</b> | ✳️ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.                                                                                                   |

## 27. SEEKING GOD'S WILL

Scripture reading: John 7:17; Matt. 10:29-31; 18:15-20; Rom. 8:14; Psa. 119:105; 1 John 2:27

### Seeking God's will

#### III. The confirmation of the church and other factors (cont'd)

We should note one other point: This way of seeking God's will should be applied only to important matters. As to the trivial affairs of daily life, we do not need to resort to such a method. We can make judgments according to our common sense. Our God has not eradicated our common sense. God wants us to make our own judgments concerning things that we can manage with our common sense. We need to employ this method only in seeking God's will concerning the more important matters of our life.

In seeking God's will, we must not fall into an abnormal state where the mind is blank and the will is passive. Hebrews 5:14 speaks of those "who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil." We need to exercise our mind and will. We have to put our will on God's side and co-labor with God. It is true that we should put aside our own will. But it is wrong to annul the function of the mind and the will, allowing them to be passive and void of function. Many people trust only in their intellect and not in God. This is a big mistake. But many people think that relying on God means that one does not need to use his mind. This is also a big mistake. When Luke wrote his gospel, it was "carefully investigated" (1:3). In Romans 12:2 Paul told us to "be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is." In seeking God's will, we need to use our mind and our will. Of course, this mind and will have to be transformed and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

We need to briefly touch on the matter of visions and dreams as well. In the Old Testament God revealed His will to man through visions and dreams. In the New Testament there are also visions and dreams, but God does not use them as an essential means of guidance. In the New Testament the Spirit of God dwells in us and speaks to us directly from within. The chief and common means of guidance are the inward leading. God will lead us by dreams and visions only when He has something very important to say and it would not be easy for us to accept this leading under normal circumstances. In the New Testament visions and dreams are not the usual means of God's leading. Therefore, even when we have visions and dreams, we should still safeguard ourselves by seeking the inward confirmation and the confirmation in the environment. For example, Acts 10 shows us that God wanted Peter to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. Peter, being a Jew, would never go to the Gentiles according to his tradition. In order to turn him from this prejudice, God had to show him a vision. After Peter saw the vision, Cornelius sent three men to him. This was the confirmation in the environment. At the same time there was also the speaking of the Holy Spirit. These internal and environmental confirmations assured him that he was acting according to God's will.

Of course, there are cases when one has little time to consider or wait. At such times one can prove God's will immediately if the vision or dream is clear and obvious and the feeling within approves it; there is no need to wait for the confirmation in the environment. For example, Paul was in a trance when he was praying in the temple. He saw the Lord speaking to him and charging him to leave Jerusalem without delay. At first he reasoned with the Lord and tried to refuse. But the Lord said to him again, "Go, for I will send you forth far away to the Gentiles" (Acts 22:17-21). Later, Paul met a heavy storm at sea, and all hope of salvation was gone. God sent His angel to stand beside him and speak to him, telling him not to fear (27:23-24). These were all clear visions. But they do not occur frequently in the New Testament. God revealed things to His children in visions and dreams only when there was a special need. Some

Christians have so many so-called dreams and visions that these are like everyday meals to them. This is a kind of spiritual sickness. It may come from some kind of nervous disorder, attack from Satan, or deception from evil spirits. Whatever the cause, this situation is abnormal.

In conclusion, God leads men by many ways. Everyone is different in his spiritual condition and needs. This is why God leads us in different ways. However, His main means are the arrangement in the environment, the inward leading, and the teachings in the Bible. We need to point out once again that when these three things are in line with one another, we can have the confidence that we have God's will.

#### IV. Those who are qualified to know God's will

Finally, even if we have all the right methods, not everyone knows God's will. A right method is useful only when the person is also right. When the person is not right, even the right methods become useless. It is futile for a rebellious man to seek to know God's will. If a man wants to know God's will, he must have an inward yearning to do His will.

Deuteronomy 15:17 records the case of a slave who had his ear run through with an awl into the door. This shows that our ears have to listen to God's word all the time if we are to serve Him. We should come to the Lord and say, "I am willing to thrust my ear to the door. I will incline my ears to Your word. I want to serve You and do Your will. I beseech You from my heart. I will serve You. You are my Master. I have an earnest yearning within my heart to be Your slave. Let me hear Your word. Let me know Your will." We need to come before the Lord and plead for His word. We have to incline our ears and thrust them to the door. We have to wait for His commission and listen to His command.

Many times my heart aches over the fact that many people are looking for methods to know God's will, but they have no desire to obey God's will. They merely study such methods for the sake of knowledge. They have their own desires. They merely take God as their counselor and His will as their reference point. Brothers and sisters, God's will is made known only to those who are determined to obey His will! "If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know" (John 7:17). In order to know God's will, one must resolve to do His will. If you have an intense and absolute desire to do God's will, God will make known His will to you even when you know nothing about the methods. There is a word in the Bible: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him" (2 Chron. 16:9). The literal translation of this verse is, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is completely inclined towards Him." His eyes are running to and fro, from here to there. His eyes do not run through just once. Rather, they run continually to and fro to see whether anyone's heart is after His will. He will appear to those whose heart is completely inclined toward Him. If your heart is completely inclined toward the Lord and you say, "Lord, I want Your will; I really want it," God will show you His will. He will not refrain from revealing Himself to you; He has to reveal Himself to you. We should not think that only those who have believed in the Lord for a long time can understand His will. We hope that every believer will offer up everything he has from the day that he is saved. This will pave the way for him to understand God's will.

We should never think that it is a trivial thing to know God's will. We are little worms in God's eyes. It is a tremendous thing for a tiny person like us to understand God's will! May we see that it is a glorious thing to understand God's will. Since God has humbled Himself to make His will known to man, we must seek to know His will, and we must worship, treasure, and do His will.

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