



I THESSALONIANS Part Thirty: "Finding God's Will"

I Thessalonians 3:11

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

Paul's Prayer for the Future

This verse represents a transition in the book of I Thessalonians. Everything prior has been a review of the past. Paul is about to turn their focus to the present and the future. This transition is represented in the word "now" that begins his prayer in verse 11.

The first of three things that Paul asks God to do is to make them Yielded in Fellowship. His request reveals to us five essential elements of finding God's will for each of life's decisions.

1. Our Simple Appeal to God: Paul seeks to be led of God.

God...direct our way unto you

2. Our Complete Surrender to God: Paul wants this ministry to be fully approved; no shortcuts.

God himself

3. Our Personal Relationship with God: Paul trusts God, as his Father, to do what is best.

and our Father

4. Our Childlike Faith in God: Paul knows that what is best for himself is best for everyone involved.

our Father

5. Our Committed Service to God: Paul understands that God's direction will be in complete harmony with God's eternal purpose of redemption.

and our Lord Jesus Christ