How Do I Know God's Will?: 10 Principles for a God-Directed Life – SUMMARY

1.	The Principle of
	Am I seeking to do what God wants, the way God wants it done?
	Matt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
2.	The Principle of
	Am I yielding to my God-given authorities?
	Rom 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.
3.	The Principle of
	Does this hinder or help my church family?
	Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as [is] the manner of some, but exhorting [one another], and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
4.	The Principle of
	Does this promote or produce holy thinking or holy living in me or others?
	1 Thes 4:3-7 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.
5.	The Principle of
	Am I doing what I can, the way I can, with what God has given me?
	Am I using my God-given ability at my God-given capacity?
	Eph 5:15-17 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise.

6. The Principle of Am I embracing difficulty as a normal result of obeying God? John 15:19-21 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. 7. The Principle of Will this promote spiritual benefit in myself or others? 1 Cor. 10:23-24 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's [well-being]. 8. The Principle of Am I using my God-given freedom from sin and the law to live rightly, not lustfully? Am I using this freedom to serve others rather than myself? Gal 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not [use] liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 9. The Principle of By this choice, am I meeting the spiritual needs of others, even at great cost to me, even though he or she may not deserve it? 1 John 3:16-18 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.

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10. The Principle of _____

Am I choosing to co ALL that I do and the way that I do it so that it draws attention, credit and praise to God from those that I influence.

1 Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you are eating or drinking, or whatever you are doing, be doing all to the glory of God.

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Col 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

but understand what the will of the Lord [is].