

## Finding God's Will For My Life What To Do When I Need To Know Now

**The more we trust God's providential will, and the more obedient we become to His moral will, the more we will know His personal will.**

1 Kings 12:1-15 - Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone there to make him king. <sup>2</sup>When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard this (he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), he returned from Egypt. <sup>3</sup>So they sent for Jeroboam, and he and the whole assembly of Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him: <sup>4</sup>"Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you." <sup>5</sup>Rehoboam answered, "Go away for three days and then come back to me." So the people went away.

<sup>6</sup>Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. "How would you advise me to answer these people?" he asked. <sup>7</sup>They replied, "If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants."

<sup>8</sup>But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him. <sup>9</sup>He asked them, "What is your advice? How should we answer these people who say to me, 'Lighten the yoke your father put on us?'" <sup>10</sup>The young men who had grown up with him replied, "These people have said to you, 'Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but make our yoke lighter.' Now tell them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. <sup>11</sup>My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.'

<sup>12</sup>Three days later Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam, as the king had said, "Come back to me in three days." <sup>13</sup>The king answered the people harshly. Rejecting the advice given him by the elders, <sup>14</sup>he followed the advice of the young men and said, "My father made your yoke heavy; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions." <sup>15</sup>So the king did not listen to the people, for this turn of events was from the Lord, to fulfill the word the Lord had spoken to Jeroboam son of Nebat through Ahijah the Shilonite.

**One of the primary ways that God will show us His will is through the counsel of other believers.**

Why? Because we often have a hard time making good decisions when we are stressed, emotional, or in over our head because we don't have enough knowledge or experience.

Proverbs 11:14

Proverbs 12:15

Proverbs 15:22

Proverbs 19:20-21

Proverbs 1:1-5

### Four Ways To Find Wise Counsel

- 1) Choose someone who has nothing to lose by telling you the truth.**
- 2) Choose someone who is where you want to be in life.**
- 3) If possible, ask more than one person.**
- 4) Go into the conversation believing that God can speak to you through that person.**

### Three Questions To Ask

- 1) Do any of my options go against scripture?**  
2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
- 2) What is the wise thing to do?**  
Proverbs 28:26 - Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.
- 3) What would you do if you were me?**