



# KNOWING GOD'S WILL

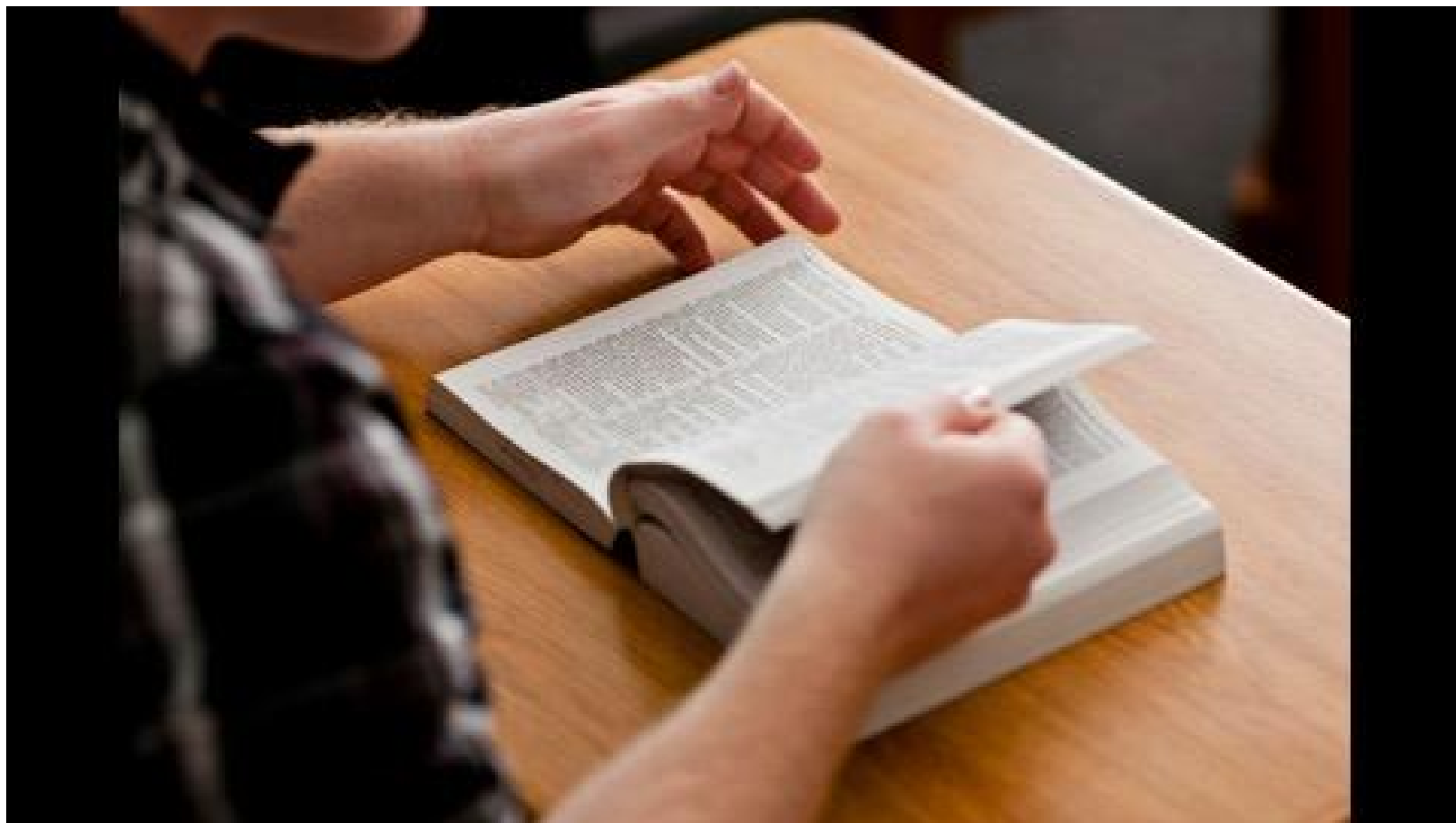
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# VISIONS & DREAMS





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**renewal = anakainosis= renewal, renovation,  
complete change for the better**

and to be renewed in the **spirit of your minds**

(Eph 4:23 ESV)



And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God,  
God gave them up to a **debased mind**  
to do what ought not to be done.

(Rom 1:28 ESV)

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the **futility of their minds**. They are **darkened** in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

(Eph 4:17,18 ESV)

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“Don’t expect God to reveal His will for you next week  
until you practice it for today.”

Alan Redpath



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To DO the revealed word of God TODAY  
To DECIDE based on the Word of God for TOMORROW

Consider these Scenarios....

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1. You will need humility and growth

If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. **But if not,** be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

(Dan 3:17-18 ESV)



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## 2. Study the Word of God!

“Why wait for a voice when  
you already have a verse?”

Jim Elliot



The better you get to know the WORD of God,  
the less confusing is the WILL of God.

Chuck Swindoll

“Do you think that in this atmosphere you can maintain a vigorous, powerful, free, renewed mind with a ten-minute glance at God’s book once a day?”

John Piper

The reason there are church people who are basically secular like everyone else except with a religious veneer is that they devote 99% of their time absorbing the trajectories of the world and 1% of their time absorbing the trajectories of the Word."

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3. Not just 5% of your life!

...be transformed by the renewal of your mind.  
It is our only hope. Life is too spontaneous.  
You just can't live it by lists. You can't live it even by the  
10 Commandments, because 95 percent of the time  
you are doing stuff without reflecting on whether it  
breaks any commandment. You are just doing stuff.

John Piper

Our lives flow from the kind of person we are,  
rather than some succession of timeouts for reflection.

That's how the apostle prays for his converts.  
He asks not that God give us simple obedience to a  
clear to-do list of commands, but that he give us  
wisdom to discern his will as we encounter life's  
many choices coming at us without pause.

David Matthis

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he saved us, not because of works done by us in  
righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the  
washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

(Tit 3:5 ESV)