

Divine Guidance God, what do you want me to do?

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. James 1:5-7 (NLT)

THE FOUNDATION TO RECEIVING GOD'S DIVINE GUIDANCE

1. I must understand that God is more interested in <u>*Who*</u> I am than what I <u>*Do*</u>.

God's will is for you to be holy... 1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NLT)

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a **holy life**. **1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NIV)**

For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like **His Son**, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **Romans 8:29 (NLT)**

Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians. 4:23-24 (NLT)

2. I must understand that God is more interested in the <u>Why</u> before the <u>What</u>.

You may think everything you do is right, but the Lord <u>judges your</u> <u>motives</u>. **Proverbs 16:2 (GNT)**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. **Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)**

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. **Colossians 3:17 (NIV)**

Going deeper on your own: In this week's lesson, Pastor Jay made the statement "Honestly, so many of us are not always great decisionmakers. Have you ever made a permanent decision based on a temporary emotion?" With that in mind has there ever been a time when you made a decision that felt so right, yet turned out to be so wrong? Why do you think that happened? Pastor Jay also stated, "Many times we ask, 'What does God want me to do?' A better question is: 'Who does God want me to become?" Do you agree or not? Why or why not? Pastor Jay taught us that "If we are becoming the right who, God will help us choose the right do. If we're driven by the right why, God will lead us to the right what." Do you agree or disagree? How does striving to become more Holy like Jesus, and having His motives in mind, make God's Guidance easier to find? Look up Colossians 3:17 and write it on a note card or a piece of paper and place it where you will see it every day for the month of June. In every decision you are facing, start by praying. Then read this passage and ask God for His "Divine Guidance".