

To test and see what God will is for me

Romans 12:2 (New International Version)



Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

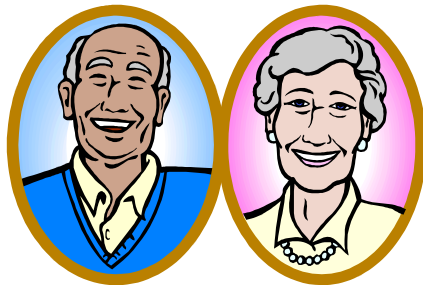
Focused on the Goal

Philippians 3:13-16 (The Message)



Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it.



A Marriage Made in Heaven – no really!

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It is not good for man to be alone

Genesis 2:23-24 (New International Version)



The man said,

This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, for she was taken out of man."

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

His side by side companion

Romans 8:17 (New International Version)



Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Having God in the middle

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (New International Version)



Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Parents have a role to play

Proverbs 1: 8-9 (New Living Translation)



Listen my child, to what your father teaches you. Don't neglect your mother's teaching, what you learn from them will crown you with grace and clothe you with honour.

Wake-Up from your sleep

Romans 13:11 (New International Version)



And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Honourable Relationships

1 Peter 3:7 (New International Version)



Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Change was needed

Matthew 7:3 (New International Version)



"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Be a willing partner with Him and watch Him do it

Ephesians 5:22-28 (The Message)



Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands.

Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says



is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage.

Fear of things not working out

Isaiah 55:9 (New International Version)



"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

The sweetness of words

Proverbs 16:24 (New International Version)



Pleasant words are a honeycomb sweet to the soul & healing to the bone.

But in the end...

Ephesians 4: 26-27 (New International Version)

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.



Ephesians 4:31-32 (New International Version)

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 Peter 4:8 (New International Version)

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.