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485 > **QUOTATION QUESTION. How can** we determine God's will for our lives?

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.(NLT)

King James Version:

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

New International Version:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

The Message:

Trust GoD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GoD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

The Voice:

Place your trust in the Eternal; *rely on Him* completely; never depend upon your own ideas and inventions. Give Him the credit for everything you accomplish, and He will *smooth out and* straighten the road that lies ahead.

Definitions & Synonyms

Determine: resolve, complete, figure

Will: attitude, character, discipline, intention

Lives: heart, growth, activity, being

Trust: confidence, faith, belief in

Lord: God, Jesus, almighty

Heart: character, soul, nature, love, feeling

Depend: rest on, revolve around, found

Understanding: conclusion, ideas, view, knowledge

Seek: look for, pursue, chase, explore

Show: display, reveal, exhibit

Path: direction, road, pathway, trail

Story (Proverbs 3:1-6)

My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart.

- ² If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying.
- ³ Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart.
- ⁴ Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.
- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
- ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

King Solomon wrote most of the book of Proverbs. Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived. 1 Kings 4:32 says Solomon had three thousand proverbs to his name. The proverbs were a reflection of the wisdom Solomon had used throughout his life.

What does Proverbs 3:5-6 mean is that we are to trust God with all our hearts and not rely on what we know. At all times, include God in everything you do, and this way, you give Him a chance to keep you on the right track. You may not always know what lies ahead.

The general use of these verses is that in any given situation, trust Our God because He knows what to do. You don't always know what to do and relying on your wisdom or thinking will lead you wrong. When you use God in every action step you take to fix a situation, you will arrive at the right answer.



