

# Identifying God's Will:



God's will is complicated and mysterious at best. It's difficult to explain how we can be certain we are heading in the right direction. Below is an illustration to help clear up some of the mystery.

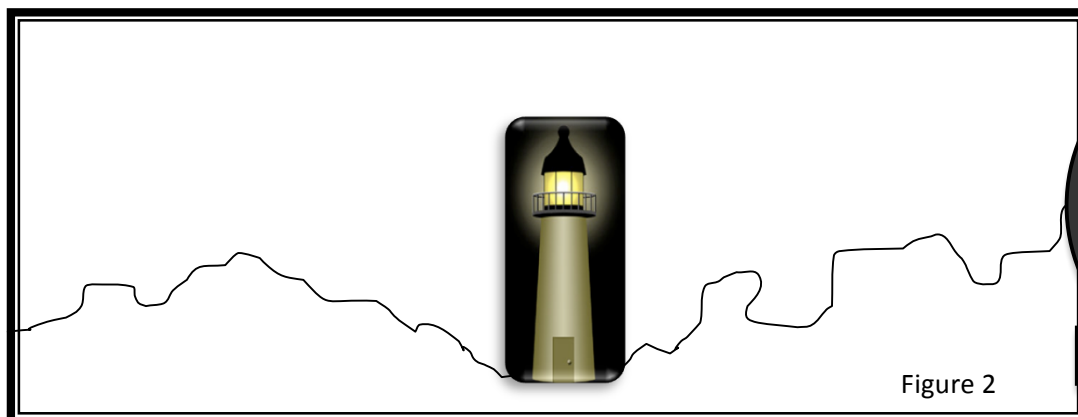
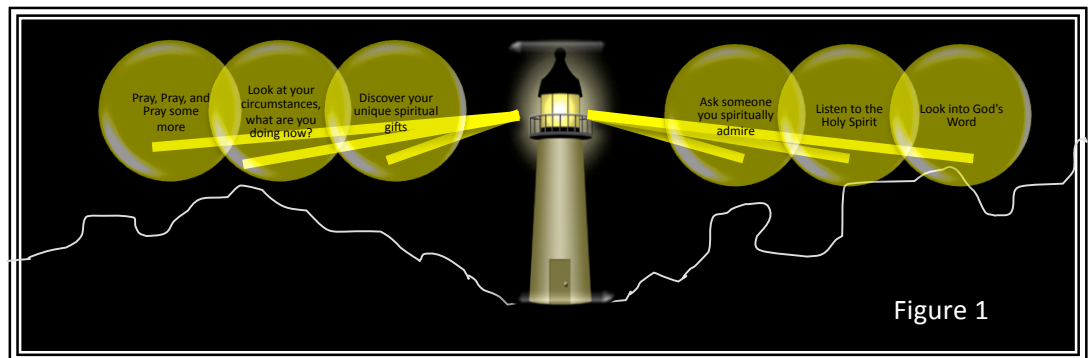
## The Lighthouse (God's Will)

A lighthouse is used to mark dangerous coastlines and hazards in the water. Its goal is to provide safe entry to harbors and shorelines. Much like the dangers surrounding a lighthouse, our life can be described as the perfect storm. The lighthouse (GOD) is there to provide direction, focus, and security. The exercise below will help further illustrate the mystery.

## God's Will Exercise

Imagine that you are in a boat heading toward the shore, but the waves are heavy and there are rocks and coral all around. Your lighthouse is not like most; it doesn't have a single light that rotates illuminating the shoreline and all the dangerous entry points. Your lighthouse has six separate unique lights. These six lights when in proper alignment show you, the ship captain, how to safely navigate through the dangers all around. In other words, they show you how to navigate life through God's Will. (In figure 1 you see the lights and the principles that are associated with each light.)

When you are approaching the shoreline, the alignment of these six lights is critical; just like the alignment of these six principles is important in navigating life through God's will. If these lights do not completely line up you would be sure to hit the rocks and the coral would tear your boat apart. If these principles do not line up then the you're doomed to the same fate as the ship captain.



How can you place all six lights in Figure 1 on Figure 2 and only see one light?

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## Unity

### Conclusion

You may come up with all types of placements and arrangements of the lights. But there is only one that will allow you to navigate life through God's will. It's when you find unity, when all the lights stack on top of one another. In other words, they all tell the same thing. If they don't, then you don't do anything. Wait on the Lord! Psalm 27:14

There will be many times you will pray for something that you think is God's will, yet your circumstances will never offer the chance to see those prayers fulfilled. Sometimes your circumstances will seem to be pointing you in an obvious direction, but your prayer life won't give you peace to move forward. This is true with each light / principle. Your circumstances, God's Word, Prayer, Godly Council, The Holy Spirit, and your Spiritual Gifts will all line up if it is what God wants you to do.

Some people may think you're crazy for doing the things that you feel the Lord is calling you to do. Just remember that God is not the author of confusion. His desire is to give you clear distinct purpose. This is why all these areas will point you in the same direction if it is something that God desires you to step out and do.



Be joyful, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will through Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Thes 5:16-19

## God, what do you want me to do?

Circumstances

Read the Word

Prayer

Godly Council

The Holy Spirit

Spiritual Gifts