

## **OUR FATHER KNOWS BEST**

James 4:11-17

*"The will of our Heavenly Father comes from His heart and is an expression of His love."*

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### **Trust His Judgment**

4:11-12

- \*The early Believers made themselves judge and jury instead of trusting God's judgment.
- \*Restoring others to a right relationship with God should be your top priority.
- \*When confronting sin, do what God has laid out in His Word and leave the rest to Him.
- \*We are not called to be judges; God is the only true Judge.

#### **Our Father knows best.**

*Leave matters of judgment to Him and know with confidence He will deal with it in His perfect \_\_\_\_\_ and in His perfect \_\_\_\_\_.*

### **Trust His Plans**

4:13-16

- \*There is no evidence these early Believers sought the will of God when making decisions.
- \*Measuring success by what is accomplished leads to failure and disappointment.
- \*It is foolish to make plans for the future and not consider the will of God.

#### **Our Father knows best.**

*He alone knows every detail of every minute and how it will affect your future.  
Seek His \_\_\_\_\_ and discernment when making your plans.*

### **Trust His Will**

4:17

- \*It is sin when we seek God's will but fail to do what He reveals to us.
- \*His moral will is what He commands us to do and we honor Him when we obey it.
- \*Before taking a giant step, God gives you baby steps to take as you wait.

#### **Our Father knows best.**

*Search His Word to know His will and \_\_\_\_\_ what He reveals to you.  
Doing this enables you to live in His will and grow in your faith.*

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**PSALM 33:11** The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

**MATTHEW 7:3-5** “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

**MATTHEW 18:15-17** If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

**GALATIANS 6:1-2** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**1 PETER 4:8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

**ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14** The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

**JOSHUA 1:8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

**PSALM 1:1-3** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**PROVERBS 19:21** Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

**MATTHEW 26:39** And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality...

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.