

CONTEXTUAL QUESTIONS

DISCERNING THE CALL OF GOD

Where am I in the process of determining God's will for my life?

1 Relation

Am I committed to pursue a personal and intimate relationship with Christ?
(Great Commandment)

2 Mission

Am I committed to being a person God uses to build His kingdom?
(Great Commission)

3 Vision

What vision do I want to contribute to in fulfilling the Great Commission?

4 "Location"

What is the "target" place and/or people I want to serve with my contribution?
(Consider which geographical, socio-economic factors, religious backgrounds, ethnic origin, and age issues you are passionate about serving.)

5 Affiliation

With whom will I labor?

6 Participation

How will I specifically participate on the team? What could my role be?

7 Occupation

Will I do this as my occupation or as a volunteer?

ANSWERING THE CONTEXTUAL QUESTIONS

Using your mind in determining God's direction for your life.

Ephesians 5:17

How do you answer the questions about where you are in your relation and missions and how do you answer the questions about that vision, location, affiliation, participation, and occupation you should pursue?

In answering these questions, you need to consider getting information and direction from the following sources:

1 The Word

2 Timothy 3:16,17 What direction do you get from God's word about the questions you are asking? Look for general principles and specific promises He has laid on your heart.

2 Prayer

Matthew 7:7
Psalms 5:1-3 As you pray, how do you sense God leading you?

3 The Submission of Your Heart

Matthew 7:7
Psalms 5:1-3 Will you choose to follow where God is leading you?

4 Counsel

Proverbs 15:22
Proverbs 24:6 What is the advise and/or perspective of those who know you well and whom you trust? Ask them for specific input; "Can you see me in this situation? Why or why not?"

5 An Accurate View of Who You Are

Romans 12:3 Use available tools and the help of others to gather information about yourself in these arenas:

- Your spiritual giftedness
- Your likes and dislikes
- Your abilities
- Your past
- Your personality
- Your limitations

6 Circumstances

Acts 16:1-8 Consider how your current and foreseen circumstances might affect your decisions.

7 Faith

Hebrews 11:8 When it comes down to the wire, are you willing to trust God?

8 Holy Spirit

John 16:13,14 All in all, how does the Holy Spirit seem to be guiding you?