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When God leads, then I succeed.

1. Prayer

- Colossians 1:9a (NLT) - We have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you.
- Prayer brings us into alignment with God.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT) - Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

2. Purpose

- Colossians 1:9b (NLT) - We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- God Leads
- "Knowledge" of God's Will – "*epignōsis*" - Precise and correct knowledge.
- Spiritual "Wisdom" – "*sophia*" – ability to discern and judge what is right and true, and the proper application.
- Spiritual "Understanding" – "*synesis*" - A running together, flowing together.
- Romans 12:2 (NLT) - Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

3. Produce

- Colossians 1:10 (NLT) - Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.
- Greater Faith - Hebrews 11:6a - And it is impossible to please God without faith.
- Greater Fruit - John 15:5 (NLT) - "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."
- Greater Friendship - James 2:23 (NLT) - And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God.

Study Guide

Do you find it hard to give God control and let him lead?

God's will is good, pleasing, and perfect according to Romans 12:2. Do you have a hard time believing this? Why or why not?

Why does the world's wisdom, knowledge, and understanding often take the lead instead of God?

Paul in Colossians invites us to have complete knowledge of God's Will, spiritual wisdom and understanding. The first step is prayer. What can you do start this week to make a priority to pray and talk to God about this?

If you don't have a relationship with God, you can have one starting now.

Prayer: Dear heavenly father, I acknowledge I am a sinner and cannot save myself. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and was raised from the dead. I give my life to you and surrender to your will. Thank you for your grace. Amen.