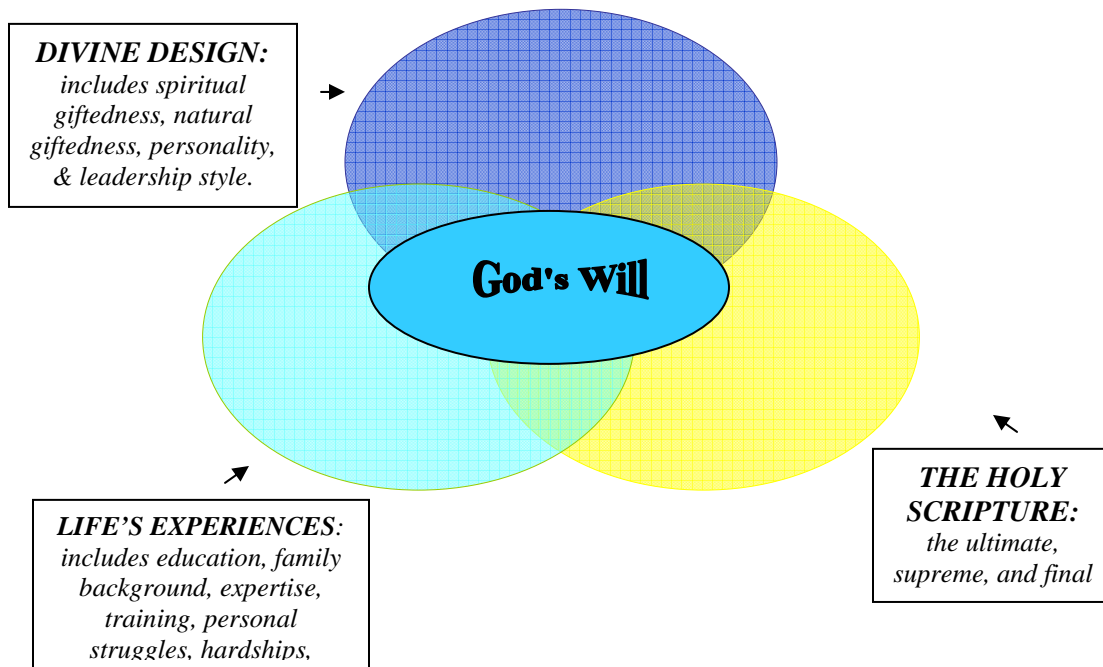


DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL

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Typically, any opportunity that is set before us may be distinguishable by considering whether it is an invitation by God, temptation, or test. The unwavering maxim, goal, and purpose in every decision to be made is, **“What will give God the most glory?”** The harmonization or intersection of your divine design, life’s experiences, and authority of God Word may assist you to that end. The following points are points of reflective considerations to assist you in further discernment in what decisions should be made that will give God the most glory:

1. Learn what God likes and dislikes (consider God’s character/perspective).
2. Know God’s Word (don’t just be familiar with it; *know* it biblically & systematically).
3. Confess sins; make sure you are rightly related to the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9).
4. Pray earnestly.
5. Wait on God (trust the circumstance to God’s timing; don’t force it)
6. Stand firm against pressure (both external (e.g., friends) & internal (e.g., impatience)).
7. Lay down your desires and take up His.
8. Realize that the closer you are to God in terms of intimacy, the more obedient you will be to do God’s will.