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- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ will of God. What God is \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth.
✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ will of God. What God has \_\_\_\_\_ in His Word.
✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ will of God. What God \_\_\_\_\_ for my life.

The more I get to know the \_\_\_\_\_ will of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ will of God, the better I will discern the \_\_\_\_\_ will of God.

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Put it to the Test

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- 1. Am I in a \_\_\_\_\_ with God?

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- 2. What does \_\_\_\_\_ say?

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- 3. What would \_\_\_\_\_?

(James 3:14-17) But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

- 4. Have I sought \_\_\_\_\_?

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- 5. Do I sense \_\_\_\_\_?

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- 6. Is it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

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What God has already said in His Word.

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