

Living by Promises -- Direction from God

A promise is one way, but not the only way of determining God's will in a specific matter.

- I. Preparation for living by promises necessary to develop 3 areas of unquestioning faith.
 - A. Prayer - believe God will hear and answer.
 - B. Inspired Word of God - believe the entire Bible is inspired.
 - C. Conviction that God can do a better job of directing my life than I can.

- II. How to Obtain a Promise
 - A. Realize the need.
 - B. Confess your own inadequacy of knowing what is best.
 - C. Ask God to give direction through a promise.
 - D. Ask God not to allow you to make a mistake, by misunderstanding, or missing it.
 - E. Expect God to give a promise.
 - F. Praise and thank Him when you ask Him for it.

- III. How to Recognize a Promise
 - A. Holy Spirit will bear witness to your spirit that this is the answer.
 - B. It is more than just a feeling--a light turned on to illuminate the path ahead.

- IV. How to Stand on a Promise
 - A. By Faith
 - B. If it is a conditional promise, you must fulfill your condition.
 - C. Don't be discouraged if someone doesn't understand your promise, don't expect them to because the Holy Spirit hasn't spoken to them.