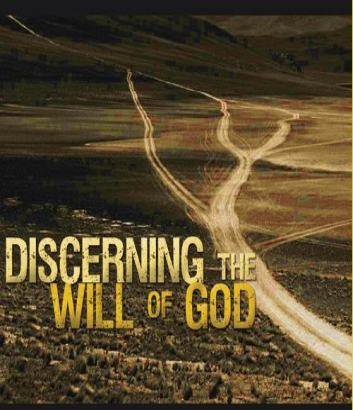


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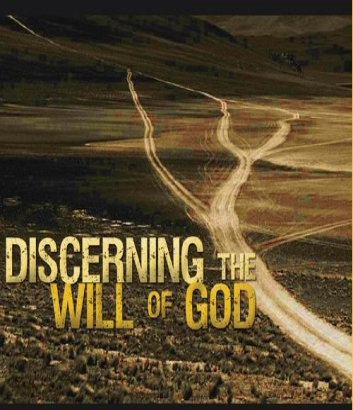
*God knew me while I was being formed in the womb, right?*

*God knows the number of hairs on my head, right?*

*God has gifted me with unique passions and talents, right?*

*God sees everything I do and every step I take, right?*

*God cares about me and the decisions I make in my life, right?*



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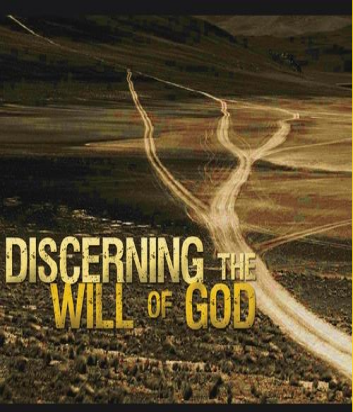
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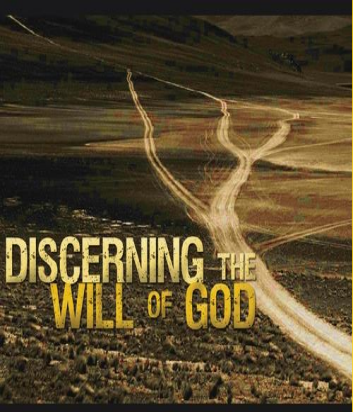
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God's abundant and sufficient will for us, revealed in the scriptures, about how we should believe, live and become.



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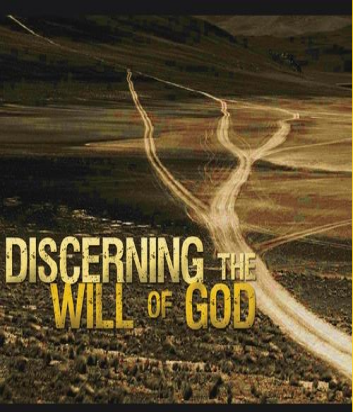
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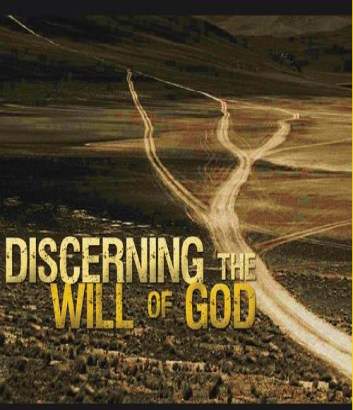
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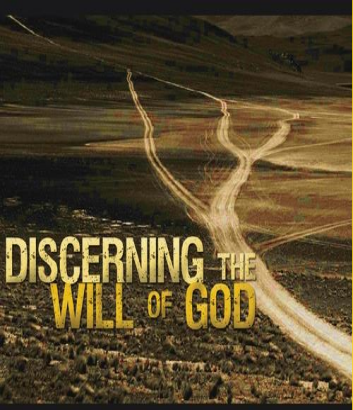
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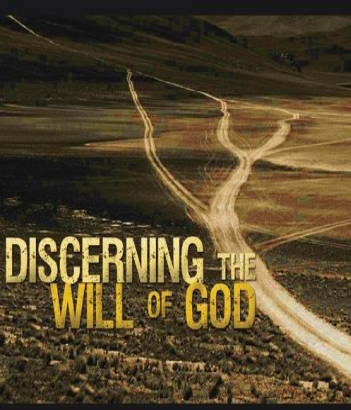
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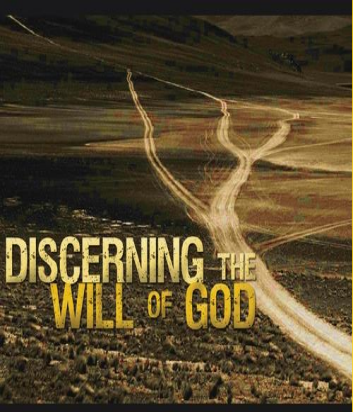
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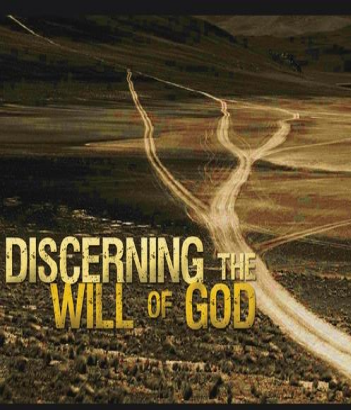
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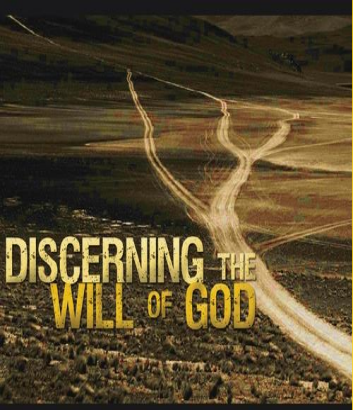
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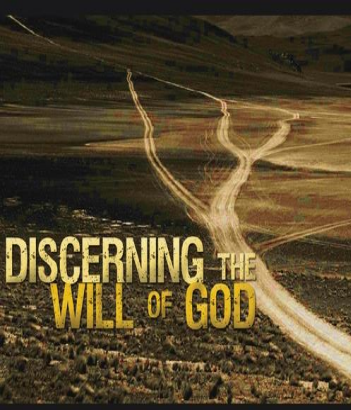
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Proverbs 3:5-6



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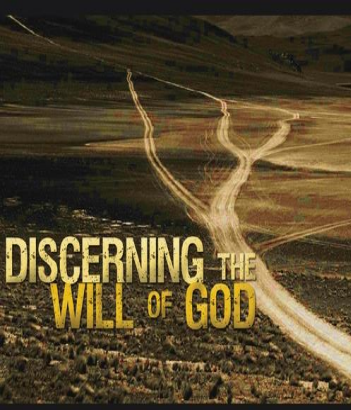
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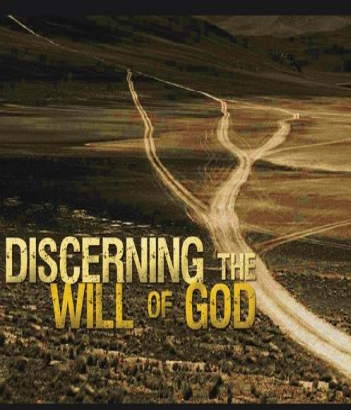
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Ephesians 5:17



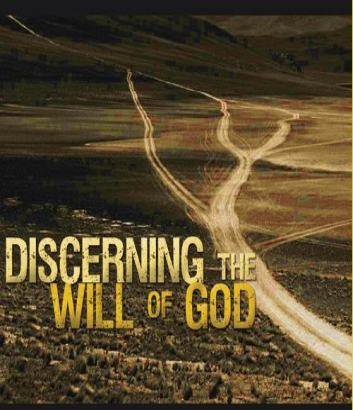
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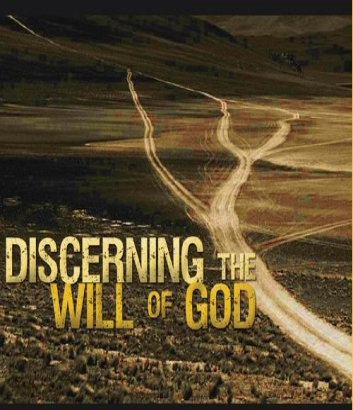
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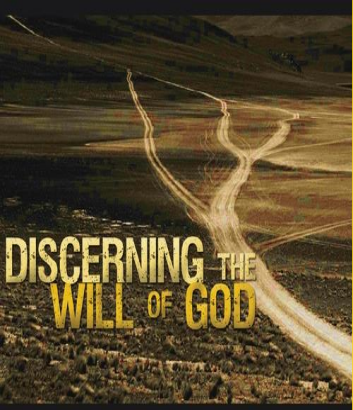
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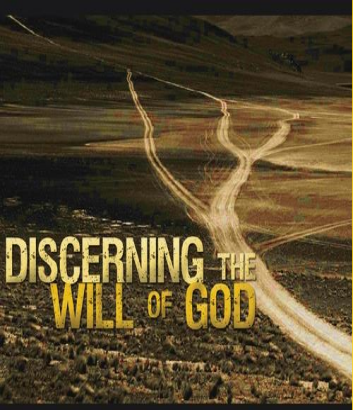
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Are you saying that God  
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Can God still give  
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How should we make decisions  
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