

## PERSONAL TREASURE

### #6: RISK: LIFE ON ADVENTURE'S EDGE

#### LIVING THE RISKY LIFE

##### 1. MAKE SURE \_\_\_\_\_

**LUKE 14:28** *BUT DON'T BEGIN UNTIL YOU COUNT THE COST. FOR WHO WOULD BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING WITHOUT FIRST CALCULATING THE COST TO SEE IF THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO FINISH IT?*

A) \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVERBS 3:5-6** *TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.*

B) \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVERBS 16:3** *COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO, AND YOUR PLANS WILL SUCCEED.*

C) \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVERBS 15:22** *PLANS FAIL FOR LACK OF COUNSEL, BUT WITH MANY ADVISERS THEY SUCCEED.*

##### 2. BE PREPARED \_\_\_\_\_

A) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROMANS 10:17** *FAITH COMES FROM HEARING THE WORD OF GOD.*

B) HANG AROUND \_\_\_\_\_

**1 THESSALONIANS 3:2** *WE SENT TIMOTHY... TO STRENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE YOU IN YOUR FAITH,*

C) REMIND YOURSELF \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL BY GEORGE MUELLER

GEORGE MUELLER CARED FOR THOUSANDS OF ORPHANS IN ENGLAND DURING THE LATTER HALF OF THE 19TH CENTURY. HAILED AS ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE MEN OF FAITH OF THE PAST TWO CENTURIES, HIS PLAN FOR DETERMINING THE WILL OF GOD IS A HELPFUL OUTLINE TO FOLLOW WHEN WE'RE LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE IN PRAYER.

1. I SEEK AT THE BEGINNING TO GET MY HEART INTO SUCH A STATE THAT IT HAS NO WILL OF ITS OWN IN REGARD TO A GIVEN MATTER.
2. HAVING DONE THIS, I DO NOT LEAVE THE RESULT TO FEELING OR SIMPLE IMPRESSION. IF I DO SO, I MAKE MYSELF LIABLE TO GREAT DELUSIONS.
3. I SEEK THE WILL OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE WORD OF GOD.
4. NEXT, I TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PROVIDENTIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THESE OFTEN PLAINLY INDICATE GOD'S WILL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS WORD AND SPIRIT.
5. I ASK GOD IN PRAYER TO REVEAL HIS WILL TO ME ARIGHT.
6. THUS, THROUGH PRAYER TO GOD, THE STUDY OF THE WORD, AND REFLECTION, I COME TO A DELIBERATE JUDGMENT ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE.

NOTE THE BALANCE IN GEORGE MUELLER'S STEPS. IT'S ONLY AT STEP 5 THAT HE'S READY TO ASK GOD DIRECTLY (OR "ARIGHT") FOR DIRECTION. AT STEP 6, HE HAS FINALLY CONCLUDED WHAT HE BELIEVES HE IS HEARING FROM GOD AFTER SEVERAL "CHECKS AND BALANCES."