

# Questions & Answers

## Mt. Ellis Academy, MT - Senior Class – Bible IV

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#### Senior Student Q.1:

**How do I know where God wants me to go and what God wants me to do with my life?**

#### How Do I Know Where God Wants Me to Go and What He Wants Me to Do?

This is one of the most important questions you can ask, and God **does** have a plan for your life! While He may not always give immediate, clear answers, He provides **guidance through His Word, prayer, and circumstances**. Here's how to discover His direction for your life:

#### 1. Start with What You Already Know

Before worrying about the **big details**, make sure you are following what God has **already revealed in Scripture**:

- ✓ **Love and serve God** – *Matthew 22:37*
- ✓ **Love others** – *Mark 12:31*
- ✓ **Live a life of integrity and faithfulness** – *Micah 6:8*
- ✓ **Seek first God's kingdom** – *Matthew 6:33*

God's will **always aligns with His Word**. If you are already following these principles, you are on the right path.

#### 2. Pray and Ask for Direction

- **James 1:5** – *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him."*
- Don't just **ask once**—keep seeking, praying, and waiting on God.

- Be open to **any answer**, not just the one you want to hear.

 **Prayer aligns your heart with God's will and opens you to His leading.**

### 3. Listen for God's Voice in Different Ways

God speaks in multiple ways:

- **Through the Bible** – *Psalms 119:105* – “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- **Through the Holy Spirit** – *John 16:13* – The Spirit guides us into truth.
- **Through Circumstances** – Open and closed doors can be signs of direction.
- **Through Wise Counsel** – *Proverbs 15:22* – “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”

 **God may confirm His will through multiple sources—stay attentive.**

### 4. What Are Your Gifts and Passions?

- God **designed you with purpose**—your strengths, passions, and abilities are clues to His plan.
- **Romans 12:6-8** – “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.”
- Ask yourself:
- What brings me **joy** and fulfillment?
- What do I feel **called** to do?
- Where do my **skills** and opportunities align?

 **God's calling often aligns with the gifts He has already placed in you.**

### 5. Take Steps of Faith

- **God often reveals His plan step by step, not all at once.**
- **Psalms 37:23** – “The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord.”
- If you feel uncertain, take **small steps** in the direction you believe He is leading.

 **Trust that God will redirect you if needed—faith requires movement!**

## **6. Be Willing to Wait**

- **Sometimes, God’s answer is “wait.”**
- **Isaiah 40:31** – *“Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.”*
- **Moses, Joseph, and David** all had seasons of waiting before God fully revealed their purpose.








 **If God isn’t speaking yet, keep being faithful where you are—He will guide you in His time.**

## **7. Be Open to Change**

- **Proverbs 16:9** – *“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”*
- God’s plan may look different from what you expect.
- Stay **flexible and willing to follow wherever He leads.**

 **God’s way is always better than our own—trust Him even when the path is unexpected.**

## **Final Answer: How to Know Where God Wants You to Go**

-  **Don’t just wait for a sign—seek Him actively.**
-  **Follow what God has already revealed in Scripture.**
-  **Pray and ask for direction.**
-  **Pay attention to how God speaks—through His Word, circumstances, and wise counsel.**
-  **Look at your gifts, passions, and open doors.**
-  **Take small steps of faith, even if you don’t have all the answers.**
-  **Be patient and trust God’s timing.**

## **Senior Student Q.2:**


# How to be a child of divorced parents?

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Being a child of divorced parents can be **emotionally challenging**, but you can navigate this reality with **strength, wisdom, and peace**. Here are some biblical and practical ways to handle it:

### 1. Accept That It's Not Your Fault

- **Many children of divorce feel responsible**, but the truth is, **you didn't cause it**.
- **Malachi 2:16** – *"For I hate divorce, says the Lord."* Divorce is painful, but it happens because of **brokenness in relationships, not because of you**.

 **Remind yourself: You are loved by both parents and by God. This is not your burden to carry.**

### 2. Process Your Feelings Honestly

- Divorce brings a **mix of emotions**—anger, sadness, confusion, or even relief.
- **Psalms 34:18** – *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted."*
- Don't suppress your emotions—**talk to God, a trusted friend, or a counselor**.

 **It's okay to feel hurt—God understands and wants to comfort you.**

### 3. Don't Take Sides or Feel Like You Must Choose Between Parents

- **Ephesians 6:2** – *"Honor your father and mother."*
- **You don't have to be a referee or a messenger.**
- **Love both parents** while maintaining **healthy boundaries**.

 **You can love them both without feeling guilty.**

#### 4. Communicate Clearly and Set Boundaries

- If your parents **argue through you**, set a boundary: *"I love you both, but I don't want to be caught in the middle."*
- If one parent **badmouths the other**, let them know it makes you uncomfortable.
- **Matthew 5:9** – *"Blessed are the peacemakers."* Be a peacemaker, but **not at the expense of your own well-being**.

 **You have the right to protect your heart from negativity.**

#### 5. Trust God as Your Ultimate Father

- Earthly parents may fail, but **God never does**.
- **Psalm 68:5** – *"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling."*
- **You are never alone—God will guide and strengthen you.**

 **Lean on God as your stable, loving Father.**

#### 6. Find a Support System

- Seek **mentors, church family, or friends** who can encourage you.
- **Proverbs 11:14** – *"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."*

 **You don't have to go through this alone.**

#### 7. Forgive and Heal

- Holding onto **anger or resentment** will only hurt you.
- **Colossians 3:13** – *"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance."*
- Forgiveness **doesn't mean excusing wrong behavior**, but it sets you **free from bitterness**.









 **Healing takes time—ask God to help you forgive and move forward.**

## 8. Make Your Own Healthy Relationship Choices

- You are **not doomed to repeat your parents' mistakes**.
- **Learn from their experience**, and seek **God's wisdom** for your future relationships.
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** – *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*

 Let God guide you toward healthy relationships and choices.

## Final Answer: How to Be a Child of Divorced Parents?

-  Accept that it's not your fault.
-  Express your feelings and seek comfort from God.
-  Love both parents without taking sides.
-  Set boundaries and communicate clearly.
-  Lean on God as your ultimate Father.
-  Surround yourself with a support system.
-  Forgive and allow healing.
-  Make wise choices for your future relationships.

## Senior Student Q.3: Is it okay to do things on Sabbath?

### Is It Okay to Do Things on the Sabbath?

Yes! The Sabbath is **not about doing nothing**—it's about **resting, worshiping, and delighting in God**. The key is understanding **what kinds of activities honor the Sabbath** and what takes away from its purpose.

### 1. What Is the Purpose of the Sabbath?







- **Genesis 2:2-3** – God **rested** and made the seventh day **holy**.
- **Exodus 20:8-11** – The 4th Commandment says to **rest and focus on God**.

- **Mark 2:27** – *“The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”*





 **The Sabbath is a gift—a time to rest, worship, and reconnect with God and others.**

## 2. What Can You Do on the Sabbath?

The Bible gives us **examples of what is good to do** on the Sabbath:

-  **Worship and Pray** – Jesus attended worship on the Sabbath (*Luke 4:16*).
-  **Spend Time in God’s Word** – Use the day to grow spiritually.
-  **Rest from Work** – Avoid stressful labor and everyday business (*Exodus 20:10*).
-  **Fellowship with Others** – Connect with family, friends, and believers.
-  **Enjoy Nature** – The Sabbath is a great time to reflect on God’s creation.
-  **Do Good and Help Others** – Jesus healed and cared for people on the Sabbath (*Luke 13:10-17*).

## 3. What Should You Avoid on the Sabbath?

-  **Regular Work for Money** – Buying, selling, and job-related activities (*Nehemiah 13:15-22*).
-  **Household Chores That Can Wait** – Cooking, cleaning, or unnecessary labor (*Exodus 16:23*).
-  **Entertainment That Distracts from God** – Avoid secular media or activities that shift focus away from worship (*Isaiah 58:13*).
-  **Self-Focused Activities** – The Sabbath is about **connecting with God and others, not just personal leisure**.

## 4. Jesus Showed That the Sabbath Is About Love, Not Legalism

- **Matthew 12:12** – *“It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”*
- Jesus **healed, fed His disciples, and helped people on the Sabbath.**
- **The Sabbath isn’t about strict rules, but about rest, renewal, and worship.**

✓ If an activity helps you connect with God and bless others, it's okay to do on the Sabbath.

**Final Answer: Is It Okay to Do Things on the Sabbath?**

- ⊘ Avoid work, business, and distractions that take away from worship.
- ✓ Engage in rest, worship, service, and quality time with God and loved ones.
- ✓ The Sabbath is a blessing, not a burden—use it to recharge spiritually and physically.

## Senior Student Q.4: How do we know God is the true Creator?

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The belief that **God is the true Creator** is supported by the **Bible, science, history, and logic**. Let's explore the **evidence** that confirms **God, not chance or false gods, is the true Creator of everything**.

### 1. The Bible Declares That God Is the Creator

The Bible **clearly teaches** that God created the universe, life, and everything in it:

- **Genesis 1:1** – *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”*
- **John 1:3** – *“Through Him all things were made; without Him, nothing was made that has been made.”*
- **Colossians 1:16** – *“For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.”*

✓ The **Bible's consistent message** is that **God created everything**—not by accident, but with purpose.

### 2. The Complexity of the Universe Points to a Creator



The **order and precision** of the universe **proves intelligent design**:

- **Psalm 19:1** – *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”*
- Scientists acknowledge that the universe operates under **fine-tuned laws** that allow life to exist:
- **Gravity, the speed of light, and atomic structure** must be precisely tuned for life to exist.
- The **Earth’s perfect placement** (not too hot, not too cold) suggests **intentional design, not random chance**.

✅ The **universe shows intelligent design, which requires an Intelligent Creator**.

### 3. Life Could Not Have Happened by Accident

- **DNA** – Every living thing has **complex genetic code**—like an instruction manual.
- DNA **could not have written itself**—just like a book **cannot write itself**.
- **Psalm 139:13-14** – *“For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb.”*
- **Human Consciousness** – Humans have **reasoning, emotions, and morality**, which cannot be explained by **random evolution alone**.

✅ The **complexity of life proves a Designer—God**.

### 4. No Other “God” Has Been Proven to Create

Many **false gods and religions** claim **creation myths**, but **none have historical or scientific evidence** to support them.

- **Isaiah 44:24** – *“I am the Lord, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself.”*
- Ancient myths **lack evidence** and are often **self-contradictory**.
- The **God of the Bible** gives a **rational, consistent account of creation**.

✅ **Only the biblical God has a creation story backed by logic, history, and scientific principles.**

## 5. The Resurrection of Jesus Confirms God as the True Creator

- **Jesus performed miracles and rose from the dead**, proving He is God (*John 10:30*).
- If Jesus is God, then His **affirmation of the biblical creation** account proves it is true (*Mark 10:6*).
- **No other religious leader (Buddha, Muhammad, Krishna, etc.) conquered death**—only Jesus.

✅ Since **Jesus' resurrection is historical and well-documented**, it proves that the **biblical God is real and the true Creator**.

## 6. Logic Demands That Something Cannot Come from Nothing

- **Everything that begins to exist must have a cause.**
- The universe **had a beginning** (The Big Bang confirms this scientifically).
- The **only logical explanation** is that an **eternal, powerful Being (God)** created it.

✅ Science, reason, and logic all point to a Creator—God.

## Final Answer: How Do We Know That God Is the True Creator?

- ❌ The universe and life are too complex to be random.
- ✅ The Bible consistently declares God as Creator.
- ✅ The design of the universe and DNA prove intelligent creation.
- ✅ No other god has been proven to create.
- ✅ Jesus' resurrection confirms the truth of the biblical Creator.
- ✅ Science confirms that the universe had a beginning, which requires a Creator.

## Senior Student Q.5:

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Surrendering your life completely to God is a **daily decision** that requires **trust, faith, and action**. It's about letting go of control and allowing God to **lead, provide, and shape your life** according to His perfect will. Here's how you can fully put your life in **God's hands**:

### 1. Trust That God's Plan Is Better Than Yours

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** – *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”*
- Trusting God means believing **He knows what's best for you—even when you don't understand.**
- Ask yourself: *“Do I truly believe that God's way is better than mine?”*

 **Surrender begins when you fully trust His wisdom over your own.**

### 2. Surrender Control Through Prayer

- **Philippians 4:6-7** – *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*
- Instead of **worrying and controlling things**, pray and **let go** of the outcome.
- Daily pray: *“Lord, I give You my plans, my worries, my fears—take control.”*

 **Letting go in prayer brings peace and shows you trust Him.**

### 3. Obey God, Even When It's Hard

- **Luke 9:23** – *“Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.”*
- Full surrender means saying **YES to God, even when it's difficult.**
- Ask: *“Is there something God is asking me to do that I've been avoiding?”*

 **Surrender means obeying God's voice, not just hearing it.**

#### 4. Give Up Worry and Fear

- **Matthew 6:25-34** – Jesus teaches us **not to worry about tomorrow**, because God provides.
- Fear and anxiety come when we try to **control things ourselves**.
- **Faith means trusting God with the unknown.**

✅ Replacing worry with faith is a sign of true surrender.

#### 5. Seek God's Will, Not Your Own

- **Matthew 6:33** – *"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*
- Ask: *"Is this decision about God's plan or just my plan?"*
- When we prioritize **God's kingdom** over personal success, He provides **everything we need**.

✅ Make decisions based on what God wants, not just what you want.

#### 6. Let Go of Sin and Distractions

- **Hebrews 12:1** – *"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles."*
- Sometimes we hold onto **habits, relationships, or desires** that keep us from surrendering fully.
- Ask: *"What is holding me back from completely following God?"*

✅ Surrender requires leaving behind anything that pulls you away from Him.

#### 7. Live for God Daily—Not Just in Crisis

- **Romans 12:1** – *"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."*
- Surrendering to God isn't just a **one-time decision**—it's a daily lifestyle.
- **Ask God daily**, *"How can I serve You today?"*

✅ Make surrender a daily habit, not just something you do when life is hard.

### **Final Answer: How to Put Your Life Entirely in God's Hands**

- ☒ **Trust that His plan is better than yours.**
- ☒ **Surrender control through prayer.**
- ☒ **Obey His commands, even when it's difficult.**
- ☒ **Let go of worry and fear—trust His provision.**
- ☒ **Seek God's will over personal desires.**
- ☒ **Remove sin and distractions that pull you away.**
- ☒ **Make surrender a daily decision, not just an emergency response.**