

KNOWING WHAT GOD WANTS

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"And when He entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"

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- **The Four Pillars of Authority:**
 - 1. God is creator. Gen. 1:1**
 - 2. Jesus Christ is King. Acts 2:29-36**
 - 3. The Holy Spirit is the revealer of the mind of God. 1 Cor. 2:10-13; 2 Pet. 1:20-21**
 - 4. Mankind is God's creation but is not in a position of authority. Jer. 10:23**

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- How Do We Know What God Has Authorized?
- The basics of communication:
 - We can tell people something.
 - We can show people something.
 - Or we can imply something to people by what we say or do.
- It is impossible to communicate without using at least one of these three ways.
- God communicates in the same way.

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 - A case study: **Acts 10**
 - Peter was shown something.
Acts 10:9-16
 - Peter was told something.
Acts 10:19-20
 - Peter drew a conclusion from what was inferred by the vision.
Acts 10:28-29, 44-48

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- **When God Hasn't Said Anything:**
 - **You cannot quote an author on something they haven't said.**
 - **You either must ask them or look to see if they have said/written something.**
 - **We are instructed to stay with what God has communicated. **1 Cor. 4:6; Acts 15:24****
 - **There's no need to go beyond it. **2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17****