



# Collaborating Conversation Worksheet

Doing the Right Thing in the Right Way with the Right Tools in the Right Timing with the Right Motives and Rewards

## 1. God's Will – The Right Thing

- Be wise and consider the latter end.<sup>1</sup>
- What does the preferable future look like to God?
- What are God's desired results?



## 2. God's Way – The Right Way

- What guidelines and requirements do we need to adhere to for success? This is the "what and how" of the decision-making process.
- What character qualities are you needing or wanting to develop because of this activity? See the Life Languages™ Positive Character Qualities sheet for ideas.
- How will we know when we've stepped off the narrow path?<sup>6</sup> God's way reflects God's character; do the things you've listed match his character?



## 3. God's Resources – The Right Tools

- What equipment, training, people, or finances are required? What do we have on hand? We do we need to obtain?<sup>3</sup>
- What outside help do we need to engage?
- What research do we need to do?

## 4. God's Timing – The Right Timing

- Who will do what by when?
- How will we measure progress? When will we check progress?
- What timing do we need to leave up to God alone?<sup>4</sup>

## 5. God's Blessings – The Right Rewards

- What will be the rewards of doing God's will?
- What are the natural consequences of neglecting God's Will?
- What happens if we fail?
- How will we handle failure?<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1</sup> "Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end" – Deuteronomy 32:29 [NLT]

<sup>2</sup> "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it." – Matthew 7:13-14 [NLT]

<sup>3</sup> "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead?" – Luke 11:11 [NLT]

<sup>4</sup> "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1 [NLT]

<sup>5</sup> "We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps." – Proverbs 16:9 [NLT]



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## 1. God's Will

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## 2. God's Way

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## 3. God's Resources

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## 4. God's Timing

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## 5. God's Blessings

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Handling Failure<sup>6</sup> - An opportunity for humbleness, learning, creativity, and, after recover, confidence.

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## Other Notes

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<sup>6</sup> *It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.* – Teddy Roosevelt