



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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How to Know the Will of God (Part 3)

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Do you know where you are going? Life is full of decisions. How will you make the right decision?

- God Himself will show us the way, through His Sovereign Will, Moral Will, and His Individual Will that is specific to each of us. "I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel with my eye upon you" (Ps 32: 8-9)
- There is a vast difference between Fate and Destiny: Fatalism is being resigned to what will happen in one's life, "whatever happens happen"; but this is not biblical. What is biblical? God is sovereign and is almighty; man has a free will – to submit or not to God's will. He has the will to make moral choices and be responsible for those choices; these choices will lead to his destiny.
- God has a wonderful purpose and a design for our lives, even before we were born (Jer 1:5). "I know well the plans I have in mind for you - plans for your prosperity not poverty" (Jer 29:11).

How will you know God's Will? How will you read and interpret the Bible correctly to guide you with your decisions?

- God speaks and you must recognize the spirit of God. "Be diligent, and present yourself as acceptable to God, a workman who causes no disgrace" (2 Tim 2:15).
- Listen to God in your heart. Do not mis-use the Bible or interpret the verse to suit your purposes.
- The god of this world, satan, will blind us to the good purpose of God. Satan will lead us to become hopeless or discouraged so that we will not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (2 Cor 4:4).

- We should learn how to follow our shepherd, Jesus Christ "I am the good shepherd" (Jn 10:11). When we sense that God is leading us to a certain direction, do we follow? Or do we make excuses to give in to our desires. The abundant life of godliness is better than a life of excuses.

There are many men in the Bible who made the right choices:

- What if Joseph had succumbed to the temptation of the wife of Potiphar? He could have justified it. But he made the right choice not to sin but to please God (Gen 39).
- What if Abraham had disobeyed God's order to go to a place that he didn't know? But, he obeyed and left his home (Gen 12).
- If you know the word of God, it will be easy to discern what is from God, what is from you, and what is from the devil. You must journey in obedience (Ps119:1).

Steps that will lead us to knowing the Will of God:

1. God's guidance is provisional. He expects certain things from us; unless we are able to deliver, we will remain in the dark.
 - 1.1. Realize that God cares about the details of your life (Mt 6:31-32). God is concerned about what you eat, about every detail of your life, because God loves you and made you. "Cast all your cares upon the Lord, He cares for you so much (1P5:7).
 - 1.2. Be willing to obey Him. You must put your will aside, and be willing to do all that He asks you to do. "All will be saved" (Rom 10). Faith comes only from hearing the word of God. Can you honestly say that wherever He leads you, your answer will be "Yes, I will obey?" Why will God reveal His will when He knows you will not obey anyway? Sin will always separate you from God.

- 1.3. Display a spirit of meekness, be teachable.
“He guides the humble in what is right, and teaches them His way” (Ps 25:9). If you think you know it all, you will never know His Will. God cannot guide any person who does not want to be corrected (Prov 12:1).
- 1.4. Be open to God. Earnestly and sincerely pray to Him. Show up and ask Him if He has an assignment for you. If He is not showing you anything, examine your life and see how much time you are spending with Him. Listen very slowly and clearly if you want to hear His overall plan and daily instructions (Ps 32:9).
- 1.5. Listen to His voice intently. Sometimes God has warnings for us. God calls us to do something for Him (Acts 13:2;). He is just by your side, in good times and bad times. When disasters come into your life, God is there to give you spiritual wisdom and support. His counsel will always be upon you; even in this time of quarantine, hear Him speak and glorify Him.

Reflection (Ps 119:105):

1. God has a big plan for you life! Do you know what it is? If not, be meek, teachable, open and yielded to God. Listen for His leading voice in His Word, His people, His Spirit
2. IF you know His Will, are you doing it? If not, there is no time like the present to surrender and yield to do the will of God.

Prayer:

Lord, we surrender to you.
Teach us the way to listen to you, teach us to see your way, not our ways.
Give us the grace to know you; give us an obedient heart to meditate on your words, so that wherever we go, we will be successful. May we always know your will in every decision that we make, and may we always be guided by your Scripture.

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