

I GET TO CHOOSE

Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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The phrase ***“Not my will but Your will be done”*** encapsulates the core Christian virtue of humility and submission to God—an active choice to align one's will with God's.



His will may not always align with our values and desires. Choosing what is right does not always mean doing His will. To do God's will requires **DISCERNMENT**.

1. WHY IS DISCERNMENT IMPORTANT?

- 1.1. TO RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH.** It helps in distinguishing between truth and falsehood, where truth is always rooted in God's teachings.
- 1.2. TO AVOID DECEPTION.** It guides in determining the deceptive influence and voice of Satan. Satan is the lord of lies. He presents himself as the "angel of light" and imitates the voice of God to manipulate truth. He exploits one's desires and weaknesses by making evil appear appealing.
- 1.3. TO DECIDE WITH SOUND JUDGMENT.** It helps prevent making rushed or emotion-based decisions. Recognizing the importance of waiting on God's timing and not rushing into decisions, as they often lead to regrets.
- 1.4. TO EXPERIENCE INNER PEACE.** It gives one confidence that values and beliefs are aligned with God's will, leading to choices that reflect His purpose.

2. HOW TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL/VOICE?

- 2.1. PRAYER.** Spend time in prayer to develop a practice of quiet reflection and active listening to God's guidance through impressions in feelings and thoughts. The impression can be validated through the Scriptures.
- 2.2. SCRIPTURES.** Study the Bible to know God's nature and His promises. The Scriptures can confirm the impressions received in prayers and counsel from others.
- 2.3. WISE COUNSEL.** Seek counsel from the Community leaders and mature believers. God speaks through His people.

3. HOW TO KNOW IF A DECISION IS BASED ON GOD'S WILL?

- 3.1. It leads to happiness and inner peace.
- 3.2. It bears love (1 Cor 13:1-3); God is love (1 John 4:8).
- 3.3. It comes with a cross (hardship, sacrifice, and/or suffering for faith).
- 3.4. It increases faith and Christlikeness.

Conclusion:

Discernment is crucial in knowing and submitting to God's will. Therefore, we must develop a habit of prayer, study of God's word, and seeking wise counsel to enable us to align our choices with God and humbly say, ***“Not my Will but Your will be done.”***

Reflection.

1. Think of the choices you have made in the past and see if there are any choices that you regret now. Why?
2. How do you exercise discernment in your spiritual journey?

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