

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL IN MY LIFE

In life we are constantly faced with so many decisions.

Based on research, we make 35,000 decision each day.

The biggest question is, *"How do I know the will of God in my life?"*

By the end of the day, our main pursuit in life is to seek and find God and live our life according to His will, not ours.

With regard to understanding and doing God's will, God has promised that He will lead us in every step of the way.

Isaiah 30:21

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

Isaiah 58:11

The LORD will guide you continually...

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Some principles in understanding God's will...

1. God's will is best for you.

To choose to do your will, will undermine and abort God's wonderful plan.

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed you... I have holy plans for you...

Jeremiah 29:11

I know the plans I have for you...

2. God's will is indeed God's will, not yours.

Most of the time God's will is different and contrary from man's will.

Our fleshly appetite is always contrary to God's Spirit living within us.

Galatians 5:16-17

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh... is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit... is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

3. God's word is His will.

God reveals His will through His word.

If we don't know the word, we will never know His will.

Not knowing his word will lead us to error.

Matthew 22:29

Jesus answered, "You are mistaken because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

4. In seeking His will, we need to be balanced.

Christian life is *finding the balance between what God allows you and does not allow you to do.*

In seeking God's will we need to avoid going to extremes.

Ecclesiastes 7:16-18

Do not be over-righteous, neither be overwise— why destroy yourself? Do not be overwicked, and do not be a fool— why die before your time... Whoever fears God will avoid all extremes.

5. Walking in faith is walking in God's will.

Taking the step of faith (Faith is obedient action in response to God's voice.) is always essential in knowing and doing God's will.

FAITH has to be based on something clearly of God; otherwise we act out of presumption, not faith, and therefore walking outside His will.

How do we walk in faith? By walking on the word of God.

Text: I Kings 18:24-36

Reflection...

- God's will is the best for your life. Find it and pursue it.
- Begin to discover God's will by opening His word each day.
- Know His will by acting on His word today.
- Using Jesus as your model, what are the ways in which you can improve to become an effective member of God's team?