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HOW TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD

Romans 12

The Greeks believed in many gods, and they believed these gods would give them wisdom and direction. Of course, the problem is that these gods were nonexistent. As Christians, we all want to know the will of God. Is that even possible? Can God's will be known? Can God speak to us today? God does want to speak to us today and He has a plan and a purpose for our lives.

If you are trying to discern God's will, here are some good principles to keep in mind.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **God primarily speaks through the Bible—the Word of God.** The psalmist says, “Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Everything you need to know about God is found in the Bible. If it is not in the Word, it is not of the Lord. All Scripture is inspired by God and if you want to know God's will, you have to be conversant with the Word of God.
2. **God can speak to us through circumstances.** Once we know the decision we have made is biblical, now we ask God to confirm it. Sometimes He will confirm it through people or circumstances. Sometimes He speaks to us is through peace. We want to get all of these things lined up.
3. **We are asking for His peace.** One way to translate Colossians 3:15 is, “Let God's peace act as an umpire in your lives, settling with finality, all matters that arise in your heart.” The idea is that the umpire says what is right and wrong. They make decisions on the field. God's peace can be the umpire in our hearts saying we are safe or we are out, whatever it might be. When I am in the will of God, I have the peace of God.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

- Operate by biblical principles and then say, “Lord if this is Your will, would You confirm it to me?” I have found that God often leads us one step at a time.
- The will of God for every person is that He wants you to be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit, have an attitude of gratitude, and live a pure life.
- The prerequisites of knowing God's will is to present yourself to God, not be conformed to this world, and be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

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APPLICABLE ACTIONS

If you are a nonbeliever, I know God's will for you too. The Bible says, "God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Here it is: God wants to know you. God wants you to know Him. That is only possible through a relationship with Jesus Christ, who came and walked among us and breathed our air. He lived our life. He died our death. He rose again from the dead and stands at the door of every human heart and He knocks. He said that if you will hear His voice and open the door, He will come in. You have to start there, with a relationship with God. He is only a prayer away.

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