

RBC Youth Bible Teaching 2012

How do I know the will of God?



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Common Ideas...

- About God's will
 - **Specific things God wants us to do,**
 - **Specific place God wants us to go**



Common Ideas...

- About choosing according to God's will
 - **Pray about it first,
and the decision will be clear**

Common Ideas...

- About God revealing His will
 - **Special & unusual conditions, circumstances, call or confirmation**



Common Ideas...

- About knowing if we are in God's will
 - **Peace Mentality**
(conscience or desires)
 - **Seize Mentality**
(opportunities or distractions)
 - **Fleece Mentality**
(His affirmation or our interpretation?)

What People Ask...

- a) How would I know what God's will is?
- b) What exactly is the specific will of God?
How do I know if God is speaking to me?
- c) How do I know what God wants me to be & where He wants me to go?
- d) How do I know which way is God's will for me?
- e) How do I know if some choices (subjects, relationships) are within God's will? How do I know it's not my own decision?
- f) How do I know that a direction is from God or which direction is God pointing to? (I know the norm is like check back the word of God but there are so many things not there)



What Scripture Says...

God's Will



Acknowledge
His Goodness

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Th 5:18)

What Scripture Says...

God's Will



Acknowledge
His Goodness

Share His
Goodness

And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord & then to us in keeping with **God's will** (2 Co 8:5)

What Scripture Says...

God's Will



Acknowledge
His Goodness

Share His
Goodness

Not Respond
In Ungodly
Ways

For it is **God's will** that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men (1 Pe 2:15)

What Scripture Says...

God's Will



Acknowledge
His Goodness

Share His
Goodness

Not Respond
In Ungodly
Ways

Not Pursue
Ungodly
Desires

As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the **will of God** (1 Pe 4:2)

What Scripture Says...

God's Will

**Concerns our salvation (moral & spiritual conversion);
that we should live our lives reserved for God's use**

It is **God's will** that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality (1 Th 4:3)

He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with **his** pleasure & **will**

And he made known to us the mystery of **his will** according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of **his will** (Eph 1:5, 9, 11)

What It Means...

Emphasis of God's will:

Moral instructions & biblical principles rather than personal or vocational specifications





What People Ask...



- a. Why is it important to seek God's will in the first place?
- b. What if someone act against God's will ignorantly or deliberately? Will it spark off a chain of unfortunate events?
- c. What if I disobeyed God when making a major decision? Will He still bless me afterwards when I realize my mistake & confess?
- d. Don't we have to pray over every decision that we make? Or just the big ones? How do I decide which are big ones?
- e. What if after praying, the decision is still not clear?

What Scripture Says...

Why God's Will



We Belong
To God

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the **will** of my **Father** who is in heaven (Matt 7:21)

What Scripture Says...

Why God's Will



We Belong
To God



We Live In
Evil Times

Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the **Lord's will** is (Eph 5:15-17)

What Scripture Says...

Why God's Will



We Belong
To God



We Live In
Evil Times

His Will
Is Good

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test & approve what God's will is - **his** good, pleasing & perfect **will** (Rom 12:2)

The world & its desires pass away, but the man who does the **will** of **God** lives forever (1 Jn 2:17)

What It Means...

Rationale For God's Will:

The Only Right & Wise Thing To Do For God's
People Who Are Traveling (Non-Residential)

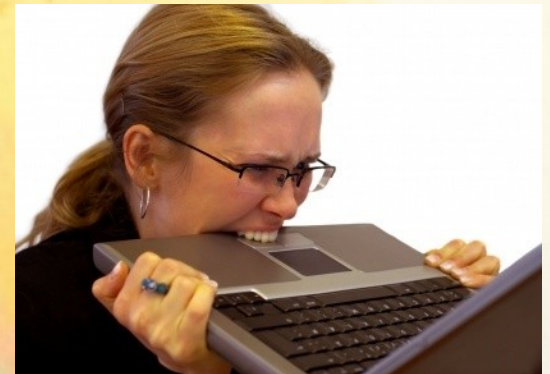
Foreigners In This World



Food For Thought...

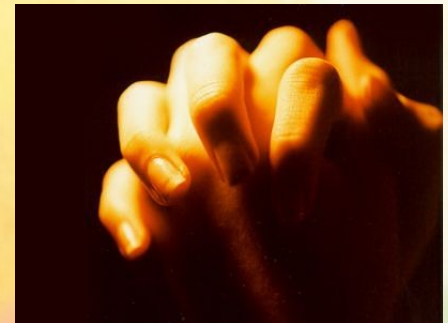
When we seek to glorify God, we should be more concerned about reflecting his character.

Thus, it is not necessary that only in successes is God glorified; instead He is best seen in how we handle failures & difficulties.



Food For Thought...

The purpose of prayer is not to tell God how He should run His universe but to exercise greater dependence & obedience



Food For Thought...

Instead of asking 'What is God's special plan for me?', we should focus more on 'How can I make godly decisions?'

The bible sets a boundary rather than just marks out a route

