

## **GOD'S WILL**

God indeed has a will. His will is not limited to only the 'big' things of life. He has a will concerning everything that concerns you. Many people think that God is only concerned about who they marry or which ministry to be involved in. No, it is not so.

God has a will concerning the kind of food you eat (believe me!)

He has a will concerning how you spend your money (even after you have removed the tithe which you think is His own portion of it).

He has a will concerning where you work, where you live, who you hire and who you fire.

He has a will about everything.

What is God's will?

It is not just what appears good. Rather, it is that which is pleasing in the sight of God.

The will of God is not defined by how it feels to our bodies; it is not decided by the popularity of the decision. It is not even validated by the success of the endeavour. The will of God is defined by one simple question answered: is God pleased or is He not?

If we want to know the will of God in the big things of life, we must start by learning how to please in the very little things of life. These things are already revealed in the written will of God, which is the word of God. Paul said it this way.

*3 For this is the will of God , your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. 1 Thess 4:3-7 NASB*

When we walk in a manner pleasing to God on a daily basis, walking into the will of God in the big things is automatic and easy. The Lord takes it upon Himself to guide the person who does this into His perfect will.

*Who is the man who fears the LORD?*

*He will instruct him in the way he should choose Ps 25:12 NASB*

If you focus on pleasing the Lord in the little things of life, He will take it upon Himself to ensure that you know His will.

People often practise how to 'hear God.' That is a very absurd process to engage it. God knows how you will hear Him, and if indeed He wants to tell you something, He will use that method. He

kept on calling Samuel until he knew it was the Lord (1 Sam 3). He attracted Moses with the burning bush and spoke audibly to him (Ex 3). He spoke to Joseph (Mary's husband) in a dream. He shocked Paul into repentance because He saw it was simple ignorance in a righteous and zealous man. The issue is not whether we have learnt the method of hearing God, but whether He wants to tell us something.

The Lord is not always in a hurry to tell something new. Most of what we are asking to hear Him on He does want to talk about. Why? Because if we had been following His will in everyday things, we would have naturally have found ourselves in the right place—the centre of His will. Many of those prayers claiming to be seeking the will of God are nothing but our seeking shortcuts after refusing to travel the right road for a long time.

The will of God is not just a decision; it is a continual lifestyle. We do not seek God just when we need to make a decision; we seek Him every day.

So we see that though He has a will about everything, we do not need to be praying to know His will concerning the food we are to eat. We simply live a life that wants to please Him, a life that obeys the things that are known and revealed, a life of righteousness and holiness. In doing this we become the will of God in our very lives, and the actual Will of God comes out of us naturally.

The message today is that we should seek to please God daily in those things that are revealed, and the 'big' things will take care of themselves.

God bless you.

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