

## Knowing the will of God

Eph.1:3-5

As Christians, we believe that God is interested in our decisions and that, in fact, He has a plan for our life.

We believe God has a preference as to which direction we should take. But discovering his will can be a frustrating process.

### What is the will of God?

Look at the phrases “the will of God” and “God’s will.”

In the New Testament, the phrase fall into two categories.

#### 1) God’s moral will: the do’s and don’ts.

-“Thou shall do this” or “thou shall do this”

1 Thessalonians 4:3

#### 2) God’s personal will: -His personal agenda for your life.

-the plans that He has specifically designed for you.

**1 Cor 1:1** “Called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God.” This was God’s will for Paul.

God didn’t call everybody to be an apostle: **Rom.12:4-8**

### A closer look

**-Let us look how to discover God’s will.**

-God is always more interested in revealing himself than simply revealing details about his will for us.

-God wants to be involved in our lives in the most intimate way through a relationship that revolved around faith and trust.

-God has the intention to draw us into a more intimate relationship with him.

**The big decision:** Think about a time when you had to make a BIG decision. **1 John 5:14-15**

-God is involved in this process

-He wants us to trust him.

To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge and to do God’s will is the greatest achievement.

### Channel markers:

What God has done for us through his word is to give us channel markers that assure us that when things line up, we can know we are following his will.

**1) God’s moral will:** will never lead you to do anything that is in conflict with his moral will.

**John 14:21** He who has my commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father. And I will love him and manifest myself to him.

#### 2) The principle of God’s word

**The difference between God's moral will and his principles is this:**

-God's moral will are clear commands. (This is what you do or this is what not to do)

-A principle is a law of sowing and reaping. We always reap what we sow. *Prov.11:24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.*

### **3) Wisdom**

**Eph.5:15 Be very careful, then how you live-not as unwise but as wise.**

God has called us to ask him is this the right thing to do?

***Do you realize God has made a commitment to tell us what we need to know when we are trying to make wise decisions?***

-God doesn't want you making foolish decisions. He is interested in directing and guiding our lives providing help for effective decision making.

Remember, we belong to God; we are to meditate on His word. *Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

The only way to know the mind of God is to know the Scriptures.

The Holy Spirit has an essential role in helping us to know God's will.

*1 Cor.2:12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."*

*John 16:13 "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come; He will guide you into all truth."*

**When it comes to knowing and discovering the will of God, you cannot just trust your feelings.**

*"Oh, I feel wonderful about this. I think this is what we are going to do."*

Well, is that what God wants? "I feel good about it"

Is that what God wants?

"Well, it looks like everything is working out"

Have you asked God about it?

It is time to know the will of God.