



Discerning The Will Of God

Romans 12:1-2

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1. Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

1. Why you should want God's will

Romans 12:2b that which is **good** and acceptable and perfect.

-beneficial, profitable, useful

Luke 18:19

And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone."

Matthew 7:11

"If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your who is in heaven, give what is good to those who ask him.

Psalms 119:68

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Romans 12:2b that which is good and **acceptable** and perfect.

-well pleasing, agreeable

Romans 12:2b that which is good and acceptable and **perfect**.

-"it fits" - that which meets the need of the person

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and unfathomable His ways!

Romans 11:34-36

34. For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?
35. Or who has first give to Him that it might be paid back to him again?
36. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

2. How To Discern God's Will

A. Surrender Your Whole Self

"I seek to get my heart in such a state that it has no will of its own in a matter."
George Muller

B. Set aside worldly values

Romans 12:2a And do not be **conformed** to this world,
-stop being conformed

"God is able to speak loud enough to make a willing soul hear."
L. Sp. Chafer

C. Stay in the Word of God

Romans 12:2a but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind,
-metamorphoo - caterpillar

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

"I find that the chief purpose of prayer in determining the will of God is to get my mind in an unprejudiced state about the issue at hand. Then, when my will is unprejudiced, I find that God suggests reasons to my mind concerning the proper course."
John Wesley



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