

Pt. 6: How Do I Know God's Will?

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1** Read James 4:13-15. This verse tells you that God has a will for your life and it might be different from what you have planned. It can be easy to take it for granted that you have tomorrow, when in all reality, tomorrow is not guaranteed. There isn't a day that goes by that everything goes exactly the way you planned, or didn't plan, as the case may be. You can't predict what will happen five minutes from now much less five days from now. Only God knows what is coming next for you, and more than likely, it isn't what you have planned. Accepting this truth helps you become stronger in your relationship with God as you allow His plans to become your plans.
- Day 2** Knowing God's will isn't hard; living out what He wants you to do is. Read Exodus 10:1-17. Just the Ten Commandments can be challenging: don't lie, don't steal, and don't covet. Yet, all of us have lied, stolen, and coveted. White lies count as lies, taking a pen from work counts as stealing, and being jealous of your neighbor is coveting. Putting God's word into practice in your life is how you find God's will, but it goes against your natural human tendency. How can you do it then? Only with God's help; by partnering with Him. You were never meant to live independently from Him, but dependently on Him.
- Day 3** Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. If you want to know God's will, there's no better place than the Bible. Ecclesiastes 1:9 says there is nothing new under the sun, so no matter what you're dealing with, the Bible has an answer. You can download the You Version app onto your phone or tablet for free. It makes it easy for you to search scripture on any topic. There are devotionals from losing weight to overcoming anger. You aren't going through anything that someone else hasn't gone through before. Most importantly, God has a plan for you; no matter what you're dealing with today. His word is a great place to start for finding out what it is.
- Day 4** The Bible teaches precepts. Precept is a guiding rule that is used to control, influence, or regulate conduct. An example of a precept is the Ten Commandments. Precepts are found all through the Bible. There are precepts on how to handle money, how to treat your spouse, how to be a good friend. The only way you can know them is to read the Bible. In today's world, you have the ability to search the internet; one of the easiest ways to find a precept for a given situation is to conduct a search based on your interest. Read Matthew 22:37, and spend time this week focusing on the two greatest commandments.
- Day 5** Principals are themes and underlying ideas, and the Bible's main theme is love and redemption. All throughout the Bible, you find stories of God's love and redemption. Romans 8:28 says that God works all things to the good for those who love and believe in Him. This is an example of love and redemption. It's an assurance that if you are doing it with the right motives, even if it doesn't turn out as you thought, God can use it for His good. You can be confident knowing as long as you are pursuing Him, serving Him, and honoring Him, you are on the right path.

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