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God's Will for Our Lives

What is God's will for the world?

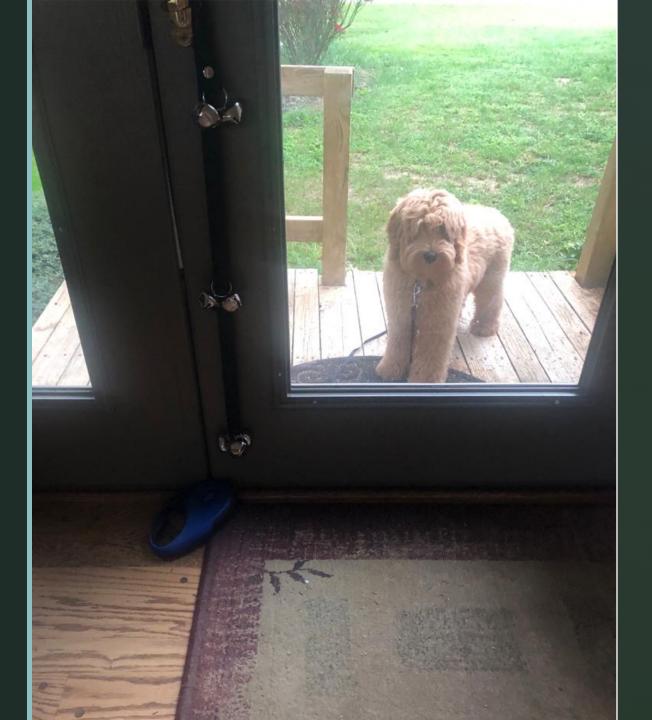
1. Do what is <u>important</u> at this <u>time</u> in history: <u>proclaim</u> the gospel (Luke 9:51-62).

2. Place Jesus in <u>first place</u> in our lives (Luke 9:57-62).





Leaders in Dubai



"Amazing" time at home

What warning does Jesus give in the passage?

3. We cannot simultaneously keep a hold on a <u>comfortable life</u> and <u>Jesus</u> (Luke 9:62).

Major Guiding Life Principle

4. God wants our lives to <u>contribute</u> to the <u>evangelization</u> of all nations (Matt. 28:19; Luke 9:60).

How did people in the Bible know what God wanted them to do?

5. <u>Sometimes</u> God's servants receive a special message detailing what they are to do.

6. Case Study: Paul's Plans to Rome and Spain

- Decided to go to Rome (Acts 19:21)
- Prayed about plans (Rom. 1:8-10)
- Submitted to God's sovereign will (Rom. 1:8-10)

- His goals were spiritual (Rom. 1:11-15; 15:20-29)
- Arranged plans according to priority (Rom. 15:23-29)
- Priorities were arranged by importance, not convenience

Beware...

7. <u>Beware</u> of looking for God's will like you're trying to hit a <u>bullseye</u>.

Now, let's get personal. How do I know what I should be doing for Christ?

- Walk with Christ (John 15)
- Do what we love for Christ (Rom. 1:9; Col. 3:23-25)
- Spiritual gifts guide (1 Cor. 12:27-31)

- What opportunity do we have?
- What need bothers us? "Someone needs to do something."
- Look for the intersections of these factors.