

THE

CHRISTIAN

*L*IFE

God's
Will



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The Will of God

INTRODUCTION

What does God think? Does He have all control, or do I have the power to make my own decisions? How can I know His plan for my life.

When searching for the will of God it is important not to overlook _____. People can spend their lives seeking to discover God's will for each and every situation but miss the wonderful opportunity to know their Creator! God created you to have fellowship with Him. John 17:3. He gave His _____ as a foundation and a guide for your life.

Knowing God's will for our lives overflows from first knowing God Himself.

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 17:3

MESSAGE

What is the meaning of life? What is the purpose of our existence? The Bible says that we were created to _____. One of the ways we can bring _____ is by obeying His will.

But what is God's will? How do we discover it? Is it the same for everyone?

APPLICATION

Wouldn't life be easier if we could call God and always get direct and immediate answers to our deepest questions? "Should I go to that party Friday night?" "What university should I go to?" "Is the person I'm dating the right one for me?"

The Bible

God's Word reveals His will for us. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). The Bible is our _____ when it comes to knowing God's will.

2 Timothy 3:16 says "All Scripture is given of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness"

As we read and study the Bible, we can know how God wants us to act in many situations. Look up the following verses. What guidelines do they give about how we should live?

1) 2 Timothy 2:23-24

2) 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

3) Matthew 6:33-34

The Bible contains a great amount of wisdom on how you should think and act. If you are struggling in a particular area, you can often look in the _____ or _____ at the back of a Bible to find a list of key words that will help you locate Scriptures on that topic (such as money, pride, worry, fear, and so forth).

However, the Bible will not provide _____ for every situation you will encounter in life. Nowhere in the Bible will you find answers as to what school to attend, who you should date, or what career path you should pursue. You likely will find Scriptures that will help you make your decision by providing guidance about Godly values, priorities or goals, but nowhere in the Bible will you find the verse, "go to UCT" or "become an accountant"!

When Scripture appears to be silent on a subject, you can look at other indicators to find out the will of God for your life, including turning to the counsel of others, spending time in _____ and examining your _____.

Counsel

We need to speak to the right people. God can use those around us to help us to see things clearer. We need to seek advice from _____ who we can trust.

Proverbs 20:18. We need people in our lives we can trust for advice. Oftentimes God will use those around us to discover God's will. We need to weigh the advice alongside relevant Scriptures.

Get all the advice you can, and you will succeed; without it you will fail.

Proverbs 15:22

REFLECT

1. What is hard about submitting to the will of God? What is easy about it?

2. Which is more difficult for you to do: discern God's will, obey God's will, or trust God's plan for your life?

3. Read Romans 12:1-2. What do these verses say you have to do to be able to discern God's will?

THINGS TO REMEMBER

*Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God--
-what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.*

Romans 12:2