

# FIGURING OUT GOD'S WILL

## Making Sound, Godly Decisions

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### Introduction

### The Will of God

- A) Salvation - To Know Christ: 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4  
Ques. ***Do I know Jesus Christ Personally?***
- B) Sanctification - To Be Holy: 1 Thess. 4:3-7; Rom. 8:29-30  
Ques. ***W.W. J. D. What would Jesus Do?***
- C) Service - To Work for God: Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 4:10  
Ques. ***How does this fit in with God's overall Plan & Purpose***
- D) Situations - What We Do in Life: 1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 1:21  
Ques. ***If Jesus were here, would I feel good about what I am doing?***

### Some Common Methods of Determining God's Will

- A. ***The "Judah" Method*** - Open and See; Point and Do  
Matt. 27:5b; Luke 10:37b; John 13:27b  
Problems: 1 Corinthians 14:40; 2 Peter 3:16
- B. ***The "Barak" Method*** - I'll Go, IF She Goes - Judges 4:6-8  
Problem: Romans 1:17
- C. ***The "Gideon" Method*** - Laying out a Fleece (Sheepskin) or a Condition before God, to know His will. Judges 6:11-40  
Problem: God's Will is Known; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- D. ***The "Closed Door / Open Door" Policy*** - Acts 16:6-11  
If the "DOOR" is Open, It MUST BE God's Will or . . .  
Problem: Only One Case; What About: Jonah, Moses, Joshua?

### Toward a more Biblical Method of Determining God's Will

#### ***"Perhaps / We Thought" Theology*** -

- 1 Samuel 14:6 ➤ "Let's go, **PERHAPS** the Lord will act"
- Acts 6:2-4 ➤ "It is not desirable for us . . ."
- Acts 15:28-29 ➤ "For it seemed good to . . ."
- 1 Corinthians 16:3-4 ➤ "If it is fitting for me . . ."
- Philippians 2:25-26 ➤ "I thought it necessary . . ."
- 1 Thessalonians 3:1-2 ➤ "We thought it best . . ."

### How does God speak to us today?

His Word; Prayer; Holy Spirit; Other Believers; ?Circumstances?

### ***The Sound Mind Principle***

- A. Biblical Basis: 2 Tim. 1:7; James 1:5-7; 1 Cor. 2:16
- B. Preparation
- Spiritual - Right With God: 1 John. 1:9; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 12:1-2; John 7:17; 15:4-8; Psalm 37:3-6
- Godly Goals / Values - Know His Word:  
Luke 19:10; John 15:8,16
- Spiritual Gifts and Abilities - Know Your Self  
1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12; Rom. 12; Eph. 4
- Ask the Right Questions:  
What is my place in God's plan? What is God's Call?
- C. The Process - **The Sound Mind Principle**  
<http://www.godsquad.com/pdfs/paulbrown.pdf>
1. PRAY - For God's Will, His Thoughts & His Power
  2. List Your Options -
  3. Write Out The Pros and Cons -
    - Your Thoughts; Your Values
    - God's Word; God's Values; God's Goals
    - Godly Counsel -Prov. 11:14; 12:15; 15:22; 24:6
    - Your Desire
    - Your Parents View - Proverbs 1:8; 4:11
    - Impressions from Prayer
    - Circumstances
  4. Make Any Additions - It is a process
  5. Make A Decision By Faith -  
Step out and Trust God in FAITH  
Hebrews 11:6; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:3-6; Col. 3:15
  6. Confirmation - Be careful not to make it a condition.
  7. God Can Redirect You - Isaiah 30:20-21

### Conclusion

Spurgeon's 4 Confirming Points to God's Will

***Desire / Passion***  
***Fruitfulness***

***Aptitude / Gifted***  
***Recognition by the Body***

## 13 Practical Principles

### GOD Wants You To Know About HIS Will

1. *God is very eager to reveal His will to His children. (Psalms 127:1)*
2. *God is not obligated to make His will known if you're not willing to do it. (John 7:17)*
3. *It isn't unusual for God's will to be in line with our desires, if we are Spirit-filled. (Phil.2:13; Psalm 37:4)*
4. *God expects us to use "sanctified" common sense. (Prov. 16:9; Gal. 5:22; 2 Tim. 1:7)*
5. *If you are Spirit-filled and sincerely desire to do His will, God won't lead you to make a mistake. (Psalm 25:12; 37:5)*
6. *God's will is in the present. (It doesn't take years of undoing wrong actions to get back into God's will.) (Deut. 30:1-6)*
7. *God is not obligated to reveal His will for your entire life all at once. (Psalm 32:8)*
8. *God may not reveal more of His will if you are not being obedient to what God has already shown you. (Prov. 4:18)*
9. *God's will is always in agreement with His Word. (Psalm 119:9-99)*
10. *God wants you to be careful about whom you go to for advice. (Isaiah 8:19, 20; Prov. 3:5,6; Psalm 1:1)*
11. *God's will is Primarily a Relationship rather than a Place. (Jeremiah 9:23; John 15:14,15; Col. 3:23; Psalm 25:14)*
12. *God's will cannot be improved upon . . . It Is Perfect!! (Romans 8:28; 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 2:9)*
13. *God's will is always based on His Love! (Jeremiah 29:11)*

## Some Key Questions To Ask

1. *What would Jesus do in this situation?*
2. *Will doing this Help me or Hinder me, in my walk with God?*
3. *What do my parents think about this?*
4. *Will doing this help or hurt my witness for Christ?*
5. *Is this something God wants me to do or am I being influenced mostly by my friends & my culture?*
6. *What does the Bible say about these options?*
7. *What is God's Call on my life? What is my place in God's plan?*

## Questions from Roger Hershey

Using your God-given sound mind, evaluate the follow 3 things about yourself and the world - 2 Tim. 1:7, 1 Cor. 2:14-16.

- a. Gifts and Abilities.  
What are my spiritual and natural gifts?  
What are my strengths and weaknesses? (what am I not good at?)  
What has my academic and spiritual training prepared me for?  
How has the Lord used me in the past? Past effectiveness?  
How might my temperament or personality type figure into my work?
- b. Needs in the World & in the Church  
What am I burdened over? What suffering & injustice most troubles me?  
How do I see the pain and brokenness of the world?  
Where is God at work in some special way at this time? A unique opening for the Gospel?  
What opportunities could I be a part of and use my gifts in at this time?  
What do I already have a vision for?  
In what way do I long to see God glorified more?  
What group of people am I most motivated to reach for Christ at this time in my life?
- c. Desires and Passions Ps. 37:3-4  
What do I enjoy and find motivating?  
When serving others, what gives me the greatest joy?  
What am I passionate about?  
What do I want to do more than anything else in the whole world?

Step out in faith and trust God to direct your steps  
And cover for your mistakes!

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