

Spiritual Growth Questions for August 29, 2021

What has the Lord been teaching you this week?

1. What is positive and negative about God's will being a **dot**, a **feeling**, or a **system**? Discuss each one. Why do you think they are so easily adopted?
2. **Read Romans 12:1**. What are specific actions that believers can do if they desire to follow God's will for their lives? Consider the phrase "in view of God's mercy" and **Read Titus 3:5, Lamentations 3:22-23**. Why is mercy the basis of our relationship with God and following His will?
3. **Read Romans 12:1, Romans 6:19**. Focus on this phrase: "to offer your bodies as living sacrifice." Why do you think Paul connects offering our bodies to God with discovering God's will for our lives. See I Cor. 6:19-20 for the why?
4. **Read Romans 12:2a, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 10:5**. What challenges do you see in each of these verses as to what thoughts you allow in your mind? What helps you deal with destructive thoughts?
5. **Read Romans 12:2b**. What blessings come from discovering and walking in God's will? Discuss the phrase "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

How can we pray for you this week?

Key Verses for reflection:

Psalm 40:8 I desire to do your will, O my God your law is within my heart.

Psalm 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

"The world and its desires pass away but the person who does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:17

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

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As a pastor, probably one of the top questions I have been asked over the years is:

What is God's will for my life?

Who does God want me to marry?

Where am I supposed to work and live?

If God has a will for my life, why does it seem so hard to discover?

This Sunday we are going to discuss one of the age-old questions; and thankfully God's Word has a lot to say about God's will.



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT GOD'S WILL:

- God's will is a _____.
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- God's will is a _____.

WHAT IS GOD'S WILL...

GOD'S WILL IS A _____
Knowing God's will involves...

1. FOUNDATION: I build on _____.
"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy..." Rom. 12:1a
2. DEDICATION: I surrender my _____.
"...to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God --this is your spiritual act of worship." Rom. 12:1b

Genuine dedication is...

- _____ "offer..."
- _____ "your bodies..."
- _____ "as a living sacrifice..."

1. **CONCENTRATION:** I change my _____.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Rom. 12:2a

(See 2 Cor 3:18 NIV: And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.)

"Don't follow the crowd in doing wrong." Exodus 23:2 NIV

Exodus 23:2 NIV: ²"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd,

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2. **ILLUMINATION:** I see life _____.
"Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is --his good, pleasing and perfect will." Rom. 12:2b

Why discover God's will?

- It's _____.
- It's _____.
- It's _____.