

Knowing: How to Know God's Will for Your Life

Part 2
Eph 5:17

God's will is at least 4 things....

I. God's will is that you be saved.

1 Tim 2:3-4 *This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*

Prov 17:15 *He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord.*

II. God's will is that you be Sanctified

1 Thess 4:3 *For this is the will of God, your sanctification*

Sanctification is to set apart...

1. From the Sinful

2. From the Secular

James 4:4 *Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God*

3. To the Spiritual

Acts 26:17-18 *I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'*

Phil 1:6 *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

2 Thess 2:13 *But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.*

III. Be Submissive

1 Peter 2:13-15 *Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.*

We must be submissive to...

1. Governmental Authorities

Rom 13:1-2 *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.*

2. **Business Authorities**

Titus 2:9-10 *Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things*

3. **Christian Authorities**

Heb 13:17 *Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*

4. **Family Authorities**

IV. **Be Satisfied**

1 Thess 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1. **Rejoice always**

2 Cor 6:10 *as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing*

Phil 4:4-5 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.*

2. **Pray without Ceasing**

3. **Give Thanks for Everything**

Eph 5:20 *giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Rom 8:28 *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*