

God's Will

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance

1 Peter 1:14

Knowing and doing God's will for your life is the most important part of your walk and the highest form of worship you can perform. Knowing God's plan for your life will be a comfort to you. You will then know that God is in control, and you can fully trust Him to help you. God wants to show you His will because He wants you to live a life that is pleasing to Him. Living according to the will of God will also please you.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'" God wants to give you a future full of hope, peace, and grace. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." This is a promise made by God to all Christians. The ungodly do not have a promise like this, the future for the ungodly is not full of hope and peace in Christ.

Philippians 4:6 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Now you are a Christian every decision you make needs to be considered with much prayer. You must consult God and ask for His clear direction before you make a decision. Acting against the Word of God is neither safe nor wise.

What God wants you to know

Turn to Ephesians 1:16 and fill out the blanks.

Do not _____ giving thanks for _____, while making _____ of you in my _____

Complete John 7:17.

If anyone is _____ to do His _____, he will know of the _____, whether it is of _____ or whether I speak from _____.

Write out Matthew 26:39.

In Colossians 1:9 Paul writes, "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." To know God, you must have a change of mind.

Turn to Romans 12 and write out the second verse.

In this verse we learn that we need to be transformed into a new way of thinking by renewing our minds so that we know the good, perfect, and acceptable will of God. This change of mind is also called repentance, as we turn from what we previously thought and now accept the things of God. To change our minds, we must fill our minds with Scripture. One way of doing this is by reading and meditating on the Bible daily. It is a good idea to set apart 30 to 60 minutes a day for reading, studying, prayer, and devotion of the Bible. Find out the best time of day when you are free and able to relax with your Bible. Most people prefer the mornings, before the busy day begins, others like me find the evenings are the most appropriate time.

In 1 John 2:15 we are told to not love the _____.

Not to love the world means the world's system which is governed by the evil forces of the Devil and his demons. To do God's will you need to change the way you think. Before your salvation you did not love the things of God, but now you are a child of God you have the Holy Spirit. The indwelt Spirit will convict you of sin, righteousness and judgement. As you grow in the grace of God you will start to love that which God loves and begin to hate that which God hates, namely your own sin.

When God is in control of your life, He will show you the right way to live. You must trust in God and conform to His way and not your way (Isaiah 55:8). The Word of God will be your path to holiness and the reading of His Word will be the light for your path (Psalm 119:105 and 2 Timothy 3:16). You must submit yourself to the authority of God and Scripture in order to follow Him, otherwise the Devil will take a foothold (James 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:8).

In Ephesians 6:6 the Word of God teaches us that we must do the will of God from _____.

Turn to Psalm 37:23 and fill out the blanks.

The steps of a man are _____ by the _____, And He _____ in his way.

Lesson Summary

The Lord wants to aid you in every aspect of your life. Be it your job or your family life. God wants to be part of every aspect of your life. This is for your own good and edification. God gives us rules and principles to live by to protect us and for the greater good. As our remembrance verse below teaches us, we must trust the Lord in every way and lean on Him and not ourselves. Only by doing this will we learn His will for us and be the Christian, He wants us to be. Why not go to God in prayer right now and ask Him to show you His will for your life and clear direction. Be fervent and diligent in prayer and patient. God will answer prayers in His time, be faithful in prayer.

Remembrance verse

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.