

Project Life Series: FINDING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE Part One
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"What is God's will for my life? What is my purpose on earth? Why am I here? What am I supposed to do with my life? How can I know God's will for my life? Am I called into the ministry?" Why does it seem to be so hard to discover God's will?

Jer 33:3 (AMP) Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand).

God invites us to inquire after Him, to seek Him in order to find out. God has a _____ in our lives. He is concerned about our well being and our future. More important, He has a wonderful plan for our lives.

Everybody wants a _____. Everybody wants to know where they fit in this world; where they fit in the church; and in life.

There is nothing more frustrating than not knowing what your purpose is! I believe that when people don't know or walk in their purpose there is a sense of a void in their life, there is an air of unsettledness in their life, there is a lack of focus in their life which affects the decisions they make for their life.

Happiness, contentment, and satisfaction in life come from _____ what you were created for. Most people who are unhappy are those who don't know God's plan for their life and all they do is complain about their lot in life.

Pro.29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

(BBE) Where there is no vision, the people are uncontrolled

(MSG) If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

The word "vision" literally means "_____".

When we don't know what to do, often we'll do the wrong thing and that wrong thing has bad consequences. When we make our own choices about our plans for our life without knowledge of God's plan, we mess up.

Prov 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Prov16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

When we make a decision about our course of life without confiding in God; even though it seems right or feels right, it can lead to death if we don't change direction.

Pursuing the plans and purposes of our heart and mind without the counsel of God is _____.

Prov 11:14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

(MSG) Without good direction, people lose their way...

Ps 73:24 (AMP) You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to honor and glory.

If we want God to grant honor and glory upon us, then we must _____ according to His counsel. It is His plans that make us successful.

Isa 28:29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in working.

(GNB) All this wisdom comes from the LORD Almighty. The plans God makes are wise, and they always succeed.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

God's will is good, acceptable, and perfect.

No where in the Bible are we told that being in God's perfect will guarantees us that we'll have _____ lives!

We can be out of God's will, we can stray from God's will, we can miss God's will, and we can be off course or not in the center of His will.

Good = _____

Acceptable = _____

Perfect = _____

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

(AMP) We are assured and know that [*God being a partner in their labor*] all things work together and are [*fitting into a plan*] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [*His*] design and purpose.

Let's look at God's general will for all of man that is in the Bible. He has specific plans and purposes for our lives individually, but there are certain things we can know about God's will that are recorded in the Word. There are plenty of things He mentions that we can know and do.

1- It is God's will that man be made in His image.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image...

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2Co 5:18 And all things *are* of God...

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

2Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...

2- It is God's will that every person be born again.

1Tim 2:3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

1Tim 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

2Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

3- It is God's will that all be healed.

Matt 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

Matt 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

1Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

4- It is God's will that we abstain from sexual sin.

1Thess 4:3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1Thess 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour...

5- It is God's will that we give Him thanks.

1Thess 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

6- It is God's will that we know God's will.

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

7- It is God's will that we do His will.

Matt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

8- It is God's will that we do good and glorify Him.

1Pet 2:15 (AMP) For it is God's will and intention that by doing right [*your good and honest lives*] should silence (muzzle, gag) the ignorant charges and ill-informed criticisms of foolish persons.

Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

9- It is God's will that we prosper.

3John 1:2 (AMP) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [*that your body*] may keep well, even as [*I know*] your soul keeps well and prospers.

10- It is God's will that we be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit...

11- It is God's will that we mature spiritually.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:
Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

12- It is God's will that we make disciples.

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

13 Keys To Help Discover God's Will For Your Life

Key # 1: Be obedient to what God has already shown you.

Key # 2: Submit your will to God. Be willing to do whatever God wants you to do.

Key # 3: Pray and continually seek God's wisdom and guidance in everything you do. Ask Him! Most people won't take the time to listen.

Key # 4: Make sure your primary motivation is to glorify God.

Key # 5: Saturate yourself in the Word of God.

Key # 6: Learn from the examples of others.

Key # 7: Get involved in a variety of ministries.

Key # 8: Stay hungry for the things of God.

Key # 9- Be faithful. Do whatever is needed, not just what is required.

Key # 10- Maintain a spirit-filled life. Stay full of the Holy Ghost.

Key # 11- Submit to others by walking in love.

Key # 12- Keep your heart yielded & sensitive to God's presence/touch.

Key # 13- Go through the preparation time. It is not wasted time.

Prayer of Consecration to Know and to do God's Will

Heavenly Father, I desire to fulfill Your will for my life. I lay down my plans, purposes, and pursuits so that Your plans, purposes, and pursuits can be expressed through my life. I will not be selfish, but I will walk in the love of God. I plant my life as a seed, knowing that as I do, I will receive a mighty harvest. Father, I thank You for putting Your desires in my heart. I know that if You put your desires in my heart, You will fulfill those desires. I have no fear or apprehension about Your plan for my life, but I trust You with every detail of that which concerns me. I believe that Your plan for my life will fulfill me beyond anything I could think of on my own. I will use my gifts, talents and abilities for the advancement of Your Kingdom and for the purpose of serving others. I believe I receive the prosperity and abundance that comes from fulfilling the will of God for my life. I know that my success lies in my willingness to do what You call me to do, even if I don't know how it will turn out. I am open to Your direction and will go where You tell me to go and will do what You tell me to do. I look forward to living the good life and experiencing days of Heaven on Earth, because I am submitted to the will of God for my life. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Scriptural references:

John 12: 24-26; Psalm 37:4; Psalm 138:8