

The Will of God

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I. Introduction.

A. God wants you to know his will.

B. God calls us by name and leads us out. (John 10; Exodus 34:14; Isaiah 43:19; Isaiah 38:8)

C. There are certain principles for determining God's will. (1 Samuel 9)

II. God leads while we are doing ordinary work.

III. It is important to be obedient while determining God's will.

IV. God sometimes uses what seems to be a chance remark.

V. God's timing is always perfect. (Proverbs 16:33)

VI. God often reveals his will to a spiritual minded person before he reveals it to us.

VII. Be sensitive to the restraining or constraining power of the Spirit.

VIII. God often uses godly people to give us direction.

IX. God will confirm his will to us. (Acts 8:26-35)

X. Being filled by the Holy Spirit is essential, which is being filled with the adequacy of Christ.

XI. God will prepare your heart to hear his will.

XII. God keeps his promises.

XIII. You can count on some people to discourage you from doing God's will.

XIV. Do not tell God's secrets ahead of time. (Proverbs 29:11; Luke 2:19; Nehemiah 2:12, 16)

XV. Discern God's timing as well as his will.

XVI. We do not need to hide from God.

XVII. We do not need to fear God's will. (Jeremiah 23:24)

XVIII. If God has chosen you for a task, there will be no equal for that task. (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

XIX. It is important to have a clear job description.

XX. God's will involves people. (Isaiah 58:10-12; 43:4)

XXI. Do not be moved by opposition. (1 Samuel 13:11-14; 15:1)

XXII. Disobedience and pride can take us out of the will of God.

XXIII. General principles.

- A. God's will is never contrary to his Word.
- B. God will confirm his will to us through peace of heart, counsel and so on.
- C. Claim God's promises.
- D. Walk in obedience today in the little things for preparation in the big things.
- E. Satan is giving signals as well.
- F. Every step of faith requires a greater step of faith.
- G. We can do our own thing, look for training by godly people, commit ourselves to a godly organization or do nothing. (1 Corinthians 14:8)

Application questions:

1. How have you experienced God's leading in your life?

2. What are some conditions to experience God's leading that the speaker did not mention?

3. What are some things you need God's leading for? How will you go about discerning his will?
