

The Ministry of the Will of God, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 15:22-33.
- B. Paul sought to come to the Romans by the will of God.
- C. Seeking the will of God becomes the pattern of Paul's ministry. (Romans 8; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:1; 2 Corinthians 1; Ephesians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; 2 Timothy 1)
- D. The hallmark of a man's ministry is that he function in the will of God. (Acts 21:13)
- E. There are certain elements of those who function in the will of God.

II. Precision. (Isaiah 52:15)

- A. Jesus had a narrow plan, time-frame, focus and message. (John 5:30; 7:30; 8:20)
- B. Paul's ministry was very precise also. (Acts 9; 26:15)
- C. If God has a will, he would like you to know. The Bible will show you.

III. Providence. God controls human history through miracles and intervention. (Acts 16:6)

IV. Planning.

- A. Waiting on God's providence is not planning.
- B. Paul had a plan even though God sometimes hindered him.
- C. Providence does not preclude planning. Providence can be an excuse for laziness. (Proverbs 16)
- D. Paul planned to go to Spain and looked to Rome for support.

Application Questions:

1. How does one determine God's will?

2. Why is it important to have precision in ministry?

3. How are you planning in your own ministry? How can you maximize your planning?
