

Knowing God's Will

Proverbs 3:6

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The most common and sincere question that most people ask is ... what is God's will?

God answers that question differently than we might expect.

We need to understand what is meant by the term "God's will."

In the Bible, God's will can refer to ...

1. *God's sovereign will* ... His plan for all things which He determined before the creation. Ephesians 1:3-14; Romans 8:28-30
2. *God's moral will* ... the Bible's grid for understanding how to live in relationships. Romans 12:2

Our response is to trust that our story will fit perfectly into His story.

God delights in seeing us make decisions.

We are given the freedom and responsibility to make choices within the parameters of God's will. Genesis 2:8-17

We can reflect God's character when we make decisions. Genesis 1:27-28

We can make godly decisions as we are responsive to His heart.

1. Desire His purposes above all other things.
2. Deny your will in favor of His.
3. Decide that you will trust Him one day at a time.
4. Dwell on your relationship with Him.
5. Do what you desire.

Quotes:

"God made man because He loves stories." Elie Wiesel

"The Scriptures do not command us to find God's will for most of life's choices nor do we have any passage instructing us on how it can be determined." Haddon Robinson

For further reading:

"Decision Making and the Will of God" Garry Friesen (Multnomah Press, Portland, OR 1980)

"Knowing the Will of God" Bruce Waltke (Harvest House Publishers Eugene OR 1998)