

Introduction

“Our preoccupation with the will of God is a Western, middle-class phenomenon of the last fifty years... My hunch is that most of our obsession with knowing the will of God is due to the fact that we are overburdened with choice. We think choice makes us happy, but there comes a point (and most of us are well past it) where we would actually be better off with fewer choices.” – Kevin DeYoung – *Just Do Something*

We can often get lost mulling over or feeling stuck by trying to figure out who God wants us to marry, which house would please Him the most, or what job He'd rather us accept. Is figuring out God's will really that difficult?

Get the Conversation Started

Q. Why do we tend to think that God's will is something difficult to discern?

Q. Can you think of a time recently where you felt stuck or overwhelmed by a decision? How did you go about making the decision?

Dig In

R.C. Sproul in *Can I Know God's Will?* writes: “Christians are permitted, in a sense, to attempt to discern the will of God by means of illumination by the Holy Spirit and by confirmation through circumstances that we are doing the right thing. However, as we will discover, the search for providential guidance must always be subordinate to our study of the revealed will of God.”

Q. What argument is Dr. Sproul making in our attempt to find God's Will?

Follow Up: If it is not the Scriptures, where have you mostly turned to for insight into discovering God's will for your life?


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In his book titled *Just Do Something*, Pastor Kevin DeYoung summarizes our pursuit to live in God's will this way: “Live for God. Obey the Scriptures. Think of others before yourself. Be holy. Love Jesus. And as you do these things, do whatever else you like, with whomever you like, wherever you like, and you'll be walking in the will of God.” Based on what you are facing right now, what decisions does this help free you up to make in your life?

Recommended Resources

Book - *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung

Sermon – How Do I Determine God's Will by Professor Gerry Breshears - https://youtu.be/oAc1rc_QnfA



How do I know
God's will?

Below we will walk through five lenses in which to understand and discern God's will for us. In each section, read the passage and attempt to summarize what God wants us to understand.

1

Read: Luke 11:28; Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119:97-104

Result: Listen to God's Word.

2

Read: Mark 12:30-31; Philippians 2:1-5; Colossians 3:12-15

Result: Pursue Christ-likeness.

3

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:23; Ephesians 5:8-15

Result: Live in a manner that is wise and sensible considering the first two instructions.

4

Read: Genesis 25:22; Acts 18:21; Proverbs 1:5; Proverbs 11:14

Result: Seek God and allow Him speak directly or through others.

5

Read: Psalm 37:4; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Result: Do what will bring you joy and bring God glory.