

God's Will for You - Lesson

Lesson Summary: Knowing God's will for you is accomplished by obeying Him on a daily basis. He reveals the greater details of His will as we focus on doing our part and living for Him daily.

ROMANS 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

God is not a cruel God who blindfolds us and expects us to figure out what he wants. He tells us clearly when we are getting off track in some area. The only times I have found in my life that I am getting off is when the integrity of my day to day life is compromised. When our hearts become tainted with pride, selfishness, or greed, we begin to veer off course and out of the will of God. God's greatest desire and His primary will for you is to be a mature and whole Christian as you live each day.

Why does God allow bad things to happen to us?

1. The truth is that often times things happen and we don't understand the reason until much later.
2. Sometimes it is just the fact that we are fallen creatures living in a fallen world.
 - a. All pain and suffering in this world is a direct result of the curse that came because of the fall of Adam and Eve.
 - b. We haven't escaped that yet, and won't until we die.
3. Sometimes it is sin in our lives that brought it about, either current sin, or the lingering consequences of past sins. Other times we are damaged by other people's sins.

Living in God's will

1. Be willing to surrender all your plans to God and allow Him to change them.
 - a. Many of us want to make plans and then have God be okay with them instead of giving our plans to God and allowing Him to change them as He sees fit.
2. Be focused on living your daily life, that you have control over, with love and obedience to Christ.
3. Be seeking God on ways He wants you to grow.
 - a. Growing closer to Jesus every day is most important to God. Who we are when we die is much more important to God than what we have accomplished. God's will for us is described in the Bible. When we are the type of person God wants us to be, even painful circumstances will be opportunities to glorify Him.
4. Be willing to work with God in your life for the good of others
 - a. Recognize our growth is a combination of God doing a work in us and our making efforts to change and surrender to Him.