

God's Will for You – Daily Exercises

Thoughts and questions for reflection, writing, and prayer to enhance personal growth.

Day 1

Write about a time when you struggled to know God's will in a situation. What was the difficulty? Was there a Biblical answer to your dilemma? What was the most frustrating thing about it? Did that struggle hinder you in seeing the needs around you at that time? Were you living in day to day obedience to what you knew God wanted you to be doing? How was the situation resolved? What was your attitude towards God during the situation? If you could re-live that experience, would you handle it differently?

Day 2

When we begin to study the Bible and what it says about what God's will is, we find that it says quite a bit. One thing we notice is that God is not impressed with someone becoming a well-known success as we are. Read these verses and write out what each one says about the will of God:

ROMANS 8:27b (NIV)

The Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3 (NIV)

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 (NIV)

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 PETER 4:19 (NIV)

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

Day 3

Memorize

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.

Day 4

God sees further than we do, so often the things that are His will seem boring or absurd to us. When we focus on what we want, we lose sight of what God wants for us.

ISAIAH 55:9 (NIV)

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

How does knowing that God can see further than you affect your willingness to trust Him? What is the most difficult part for you in being willing to do God's will?

Take some time and write down some specific areas of your life that God can see and think beyond where you are able to.

Day 5

What are some things you feel God wants you to do right now? Are there any people you should be ministering to? Is there anything in your life that you feel God wants you to remove? Is there anything in your life that God wants you to start doing? Spend some time in prayer asking God about that.