

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

God has a plan for our life - Rom.12: 2; Eph.5: 17; 1 John 2:17

He has promised to reveal that plan to us – Ps. 25:12; 32:18; Isaiah. 30:21

Success in life is to know His plan and fulfil it.

Definition:

“It is a holy and prepared plan of God for each of His children to make them as much like His Son as possible” (G. Christian Weis).

Characteristics:

- It is perfect, the best– Isai. 55:8,9; Rom. 12:2.
- It is personal, definite and specific – Acts 9:15,16.
- There is an aspect which is common to all –
5 five basic principles that indicate the will of God for all –
(Saved, spirit- filled, sanctified, submissive, suffering)
Jn. 3:16; 1Thess. 4:3; 1Peter. 3:17; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Pet.2: 15, 21
- It can be discerned – Ps. 32:8.
- We can know it and do it – Ps. 25:12; Eph. 5:17; 1Jn 2:17.

Conditions for discerning God's will:

- Absolute faith in God – His goodness, love, plans, etc. – Jer. 29:11; Rom.12: 2.
- Total Surrender – Be willing, open and determined to do His will – Prov.3: 6; Ps. 37:5.
- Renewal of Mind – Process of transformation of the mind leading to Christ-likeness, seeing things from God's perspective, practicing God's value system and not the world's – Rom. 12: 1,2.

Channels/Means God uses to show us His will

- I. The word of God – Ps. 119:105, Col 3:16.
- II. The indwelling Holy Spirit – The inner promptings, peace within and impressions on the mind. John 14:26; 16:13.

- III. Providence – God-ordained providential circumstances. God is the Lord of our circumstances also. He can guide, overrule, open and close doors – Ps. 37:23.
- IV. Advice of Godly men – Others may be able to see what we cannot see; but the final decision is our responsibility.

“ In the matter of discerning the will of God, when the Word of God, the impulse of the Holy Spirit in my heart and the outward circumstances are in perfect harmony, then I am convinced I am acting in accordance with the will of God” – F. B. Mayer.

If you are living in the revealed will of God, do what is right and go ahead!
