

Finding God's Will (Part 2) – “How NOT to Find God's Will?”

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Presuppositions: Finding God's Will

1. God's sufficient Word is enough (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105)
2. The Holy Spirit illumines God's sufficient Word (I Cor. 2:10-12; John 14:26)
3. There is no need for new revelation (Acts 2:22, 43; 5:12; Heb. 2:3-4; Eph.2:20)

Definitions: What is “God's Will?”

1. God has a sovereign will (we can't know it). (Eph. 1:11, Isaiah 45:6-7; 46:9-11; I Cor. 4:19; Acts 18:21; I Cor. 16:7; Hebrews 6:3; James 4:15; Deut. 29:29)
2. God has a moral will (we must obey it). (Psalm 40:8; Romans 2:17-18; Eph. 5:17; I Thess. 4:3; Deut. 29:29)
3. God has an individual will? (we must discover it?)

Assumption: God has an “individual will” that is

1. different than His sovereign will.
2. more specific than His moral will.
3. not revealed in Scripture.

How NOT to Find God's Will

(ways people seek to discover God's “individual will”)

I. Opportunity--open/closed doors. (II Cor. 2:12-13)

II. Circumstances--putting out a fleece. (Judges 6:12-40)

III. Feelings--presence/absence of peace.

IV. Promptings

Problems with discovering God's “individual will”:

1. a low view of the sufficiency of Scripture (pre.1)
2. assumes the Holy Spirit reveals new truth (pre.2)
3. assumes the continuation of revelatory gifts (pre.3)
4. impossible to consistently implement

Conclusions: By God's grace we must:

1. submissively obey God's moral will.
2. humbly acknowledge God's sovereign will.
3. ~~seek to discover God's personal will?~~ prayerfully practice biblical decision making!