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E-votional 15

Know the Will of God

What is the will of God for me? The only sure way one can know or even begin to know the specific will of God for their own life is that they first be surrendered. One must have let go of their life to receive the one God has for them.

How can one live two lives? The question is similar to a statement that Jesus made in Matthew 6:24 when He spoke about a man serving two masters. He will hate one and love the other.

How many people attempting to serve two masters, if one of them is himself, will hate himself? So then by default, he will hate the other, which is God. We are living in a time when there is a mixture of worldly beliefs that have somehow made their way into the Christian's beliefs. And because of this people are often found living out either partial Christian lives or none at all.

We are, however, called to, through faith surrender to God's will above all else. And let me tell you from experience, Gods will is the best place to live in. It is filled with promise and hope and joy and love. Yes, there are difficulties, but there is no place I would rather be.

I am reminded of Romans 12:1-2 (NLT),

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

I like this when the Scripture says, "*This is truly the way to worship him.*" It really is powerful to understand that God has both called us and equipped us by His Spirit to truly worship Him in a way that is pleasing. Of course, the most pleasant thing to God is that we have faith (Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Heb. 11:6). However, true faith is one that takes God at His Word and follows suit. This is, of course, full surrender.

The true definition of a faith that follows suit is of Abraham when he was called out by God from Ur of the Chaldeans (Gen. 12:1-9). He simply followed suit by first hearing God, then by and through faith did what God said. The writer in Hebrews 11:8 (ESV) said it like this,

By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

This is absolutely beautiful! So, we, just like Abraham are to hear what God is saying, surrender, and follow suit.

Of course, the answer is simple, only a surrendered soul will find the pleasing will of God. Are you in God's will or yours?

We appeal to you brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ, because the days are short, we need to affirm and be confident that the will we are living in is indeed God's and not ours. So, Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, we pray that You would take us and lead us in the power of Your Spirit to know and do Your will above all else. It is apparent through Your Word, the Holy Bible, that You require commitment. The greatest example that we have of this is Jesus Christ Himself and how He laid His life down for your will. Give us this ability by Your Spirit at work within us to achieve this same example given to us. Amen!

The Lord bless you, as you live out the will of God this week in whatever way God leads you, in Jesus name.

In Christ's Love,
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