

What is God's Will for Your Life?

In my years of service as a pastor, many people have come to me with questions concerning knowing the will of God for their lives. You may have questions about this as well.

You may ask, "Well, pastor, how do I really know whether this is my will or God's will?" What I always tell people is that the will of God is following the desires of your heart.

You may respond to that by saying: "Well, pastor, how do I know whether it is my desire or God's desire? How can I tell the difference between the desires I have and those that God gives me?" My answer to that is, "If your heart is pure and you really desire to do the will of God, you don't have to worry about your desires being wrong."

Titus 1:15 says, "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled" (KJV).

The only time you have to be concerned about your desires being wrong is when you are in rebellion, disobedience, lust, or some other

type of sin. Then
you have to be careful that you don't confuse your desires
with God's desires.
People in a sinful spiritual state will twist or pervert God's
desires. But as
long as you are pure, sincere and open before God, you can
trust your desires
because your heart is open to receive the desires of God
rather than your
own.

One of the primary ways God will lead you is by the desires of
your
heart. For example. If you are supposed to have a teaching
ministry, God will
give you the desire to teach. You will have a burning desire
to teach. Jeremiah
had a prophetic ministry. He was called to give the word of
the Lord, and when
he tried to suppress it, the desire to prophesy became like
fire shut up in his
bones.

You need to judge your own heart. If it is found to be pure
and
you are sincere, then follow the desires of your heart because
God will lead you
by dropping things into your spirit (that is, your heart). I
believe it is the
same for getting a rhema word from God.

As long as your heart is right
and your motives are pure, you don't need to fear deception.
God will always
answer those who are pure in heart. "Blessed are the pure in
heart: for they
shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). God will give you revelation, and
He will show you

things to come.

Ask God to keep you pure of heart and able to discern a false prophet. You will often know them by their fruits (see Matt. 7:16,20; Luke 6:44). Do not let the existence of counterfeit prophecy deter you from receiving the real thing. That would be like deciding not to pay for purchases with dollar bills because you have heard that people manufacture counterfeit ones.

There have been many times when I went to a meeting confused about the specifics concerning the will of God for my life. I just did not know how to accomplish what I felt He was telling me to do. I needed to hear God speak to my situation. But because the sermon was “general” in nature, an all-purpose good message, I would leave in the same state in which I came, and I would not have an opportunity to receive prophetic ministry, which is what I needed most.

It wasn't until I started seeking a rhema word from God that I got the direction I needed for my life. You will also get the direction you need for your life if you open up your heart to the word of the Lord through personal prophecy and go to local assemblies where the believers flow accurately in the prophetic gift. Thank God for the gift of prophecy.

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