



Introduction:

- What happened Lord?

Message: (Romans 8:28-29)

- God's primary will for your life
- **How To Make Decisions:**
 1. Is my decision in harmony with God's Word?
 2. Can I make this decision and have a clear conscience?
 3. Will this decision make me a better person?
 4. Will my decision harm other people?
 5. Is it the best use of my time/life?

Daily Encouragement

Use these passages and prayer prompts
to begin and end each day.

SUNDAY - 2/28

AM: Ephesians 3:20

Father, I praise You because Your power is limitless...!

PM: Ephesians 3:20

On this Lord's Day, I praise You for Your family, the Church. May You continue to work powerfully throughout the generations...

MONDAY - 3/01

AM: Psalm 1:1-2

Thank you, Father, for the guidance of Your Word today...

PM: Psalm 1:3

I praise You for Your sustaining presence and provision today...

TUESDAY - 3/02

AM: Psalm 4:6b-7

Today, I praise You for giving me joy in...

PM: Psalm 4:8

Thank you, Father, that through You, I can lie down in peace tonight...

WEDNESDAY - 3/03

AM: Psalm 19:1

Thank you, Father, for Your beautiful creation...

PM: Psalm 19:14

Father, thank you for Your gracious guidance...

THURSDAY - 3/04

AM: Psalm 19:7

Thank you, Father, for Your perfect Word...

PM: Psalm 19:14

Father, thank you for Your gracious acceptance as Your son/daughter...

FRIDAY - 3/05

AM: Hebrews 6:19

Father, thank you for the gift of Your Son - an anchor for my soul...

PM: Hebrews 6:20

I praise You that Jesus has gone before me - leading me...

SATURDAY - 3/06

AM: Philippians 4:4

Father, I rejoice in You today...

PM: Philippians 4:6-7

As I sleep tonight, thank you for the peace that passes my understanding...

SUNDAY - 3/07

AM: Philippians 4:8

I praise You, Father, that You are worthy. Help me to focus on that truth today...

PM: Philippians 4:6-7

I praise You that I can release any anxious thoughts to You...

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"What is God's will for my life?", is not the right question. I think the right question is, 'What is God's will?' Once I know God's will, then I can adjust my life to Him. In other words, what is it that God is purposing where I am? Once I know what God is doing, then I know what I need to do. The focus needs to be on God, not my life!"

– Henry Blackaby, "Experiencing God"

There are key areas of our lives in which God desires for you to know His will. Use this worksheet to consider God's will for you in these areas:

SPIRITUAL (spiritual disciplines: quiet time, Scripture memory, corporate worship, etc.)

FAMILY (spouse, children, and immediate family)

MINISTRY (knowing your spiritual gifts and serving others; discipling; sharing your faith)

VOCATIONAL (attitude and work ethic; using skills in a way that glorifies God)

PERSONAL (how you use your free time – hobbies, exercising, sports, relaxation)

FINANCIAL (stewardship; recognizing all we have is God's)

We often know God’s overall will for our lives, such as in the key areas we examined here, but we struggle to know what that looks like. Use the following steps as a tool to help you with a specific decision you are currently facing:

“God, what is your will regarding _____?”

1.Surrender your personal desires. Commit your decision to God.

Begin by positioning yourself to hear and receive God’s will. Without proper positioning, you will struggle with knowing and accepting His will.

- Are you willing to find God’s will by keeping your eyes on Jesus instead of the attractions of the world?
(1 John 2:15-17; 2 Corinthians 4:18)
- Have you allowed God to examine your life for sin as well as turned away from any known sin?
(Psalm 139:23-24)
- Can I make this decision and have a clear conscience?

2.Meditate on God's Word and spend time in focused prayer.

- Are you willing to do the things necessary to equip and prepare you for His will? (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Are you going to be open and teachable to God’s continual guidance and growth? (Proverbs 21:1)
- Is my decision in harmony with God's Word?

3. Seek godly advice. (Proverbs 12:15; Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 15:22)

- Who is someone you could talk to about this decision?
- Is it the best use of my time/life?

4. Consider your circumstances. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-19)

- Are you willing to stay in God's hands no matter the circumstances?
- Will my decision harm other people?

5. Trust the Holy Spirit's guidance. (John 16:13; Jeremiah 17:7-8)

- Do you trust God totally for where He is taking you?

6. Move forward in the decision God has shown you. (Joshua 3:2-4)

Living in God's will requires the constant practice of seeking Him. As you live out His will, always be sensitive to seeing God's purposes unfold before you!

- Will this decision make me a better person?
- Are you willing to live your life not for yourself, but for the Lord Jesus Christ? (Luke 9:23)

