

Knowing the Will of God



Bridging the Gap Between Your Life and God's Desire

I know the plans I have for you

Jeremiah 29:11



There are many mysteries about God. Knowing His will for your life is not one of them.

By reading the Bible you will know the kind of life He wants you to live. You will discover that He wants a relationship with you, that He has a kingdom that operates on different principles than the world at large. This is the first step, and if you've never taken it, then this is where you will begin: read the Bible.

There are two prerequisites for being able to know and do God's will. They are: accepting Jesus as your Savior and inviting the Holy Spirit into your life.

What does accepting Jesus do?

Salvation is a topic that fills books. Our focus here is for understanding God's will beyond becoming "saved", but if you have prayed and asked Jesus to come into your life "behold, all things have become new." (2Corinthians 5:17) This verse declares "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."

You are made new because Jesus now lives in you. (Colossians 1:27 ; Ephesians 3:17 ; 2Corinthians 13:5) You are now an adopted child of God (Galatians 4:5-6) with a relationship whereby you can address God as Daddy.

Because Jesus lives in you, you have the mind of Christ. In the second chapter of 1Corinthians, Paul explains. He writes in verse 14, "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God..." and continues in verse 16 " 'For who has known the mind of the Lord that we may instruct Him?' But we have the mind of Christ."

Why The Holy Spirit?

John records Jesus promise to send a "Helper" in John 14:15-18. "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever– the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him for He dwells with you and will be in you."

Paul explains that a man without God, the "natural man," cannot know the things of the Spirit. This knowledge is for those who are God's and in whom His spirit dwells. Look again at 1Corinthians 14. In verses 10-11 we read that the only one to truly know God or a man is his own spirit, and so "the Spirit searches the deep things of God" and makes them known to us.

Jesus states, "He [the Holy Spirit] will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." (John 16:13)

Note that the Spirit speaks only what He hears. Make that an example for yourself. Do not add your words and authority to God's message. Even Jesus spoke only what he heard the Father speaking. (John 12:49)

These verses barely scratch the surface, and I hope you will read them in their entirety and study them for yourself. But here, we have a beginning. What now?

Below is a list of Scriptures that you can meditate on. Write them on an index card or whatever note-taking app you are using and speak them aloud over yourself everyday. I ask you to write them because you must actively participate in receiving them. I ask you to speak them because faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). And faith is absolutely necessary in receiving anything from God. It is also impossible to please Him without it. (Hebrews 11:6)

Dr. Caroline Leaf in her book, *Who Switched Off My Brain*, writes in Chapter 12, "They [Words] contain power and work hand-in-hand with your thought life, influencing the world around you and the circumstances of your life." (pg. 93)

Paul prays for believers (Colossians 1:9) to "be filled with the knowledge of God's will." Why? Because we can. We have the Spirit of God, the mind of Christ and God wants us to know. James 1:5-7 says that if we need wisdom to ask, but we must ask in faith.

So here are the steps to take:

- **Meditate on the verses and make them personal**
- **Pray believing to receive wisdom, knowledge and understanding**
- **Be specific and focus attention on one problem/circumstance**
- **Speak only what the Spirit speaks**
- **Write it down**
- **Obey**

Scripture

I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I may know the things freely given to me by God. 1Corinthians 2:12

Jesus himself is in me. My life is now hidden in Him.
Colossians 1:27 Colossians 3: 1-4

My mind is being renewed that I may prove what is the good and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2

I bring every thought, idea and argument captive to Jesus who is alive in me.
2Corinthians 10:5

I have the mind of Christ. 1Corinthians 2:16

I am being filled with the knowledge of God's will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Colossians 1:9