

KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE.

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Colossians 1:9

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Matthew 7: 21

21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

We have what we call God's General Will.

We also have what we call God's Will for Individuals.

God will always tell His people His will before commanding them to act in faith.

Psalms 119:105-Passion

Truth's shining light guides me in my choices and decisions; the *revelation of your word makes my pathway clear.*

There are conditions for Knowing God's Will.

Romans 12:1-2.

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - which is your spiritual worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 John 2:15-17

Don't set the affections of your heart on this world or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible.

For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance—none of these things come from the Father but from the world.

This world and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who love to do the will of God live forever.

The word 'conformed' means to be molded; fitted into a mold through a process of imitation.

Grk - is 'metamorphoo', - English word 'metamorphous'. - to change from one thing into another thing.

2 Corinthians 3:18.

18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

LB - ...And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him.

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be "made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

We are to take off the old self and put on the new.

What are some of the methods we can use for 'knowing' God's will?

1. God speaks through the Scriptures. He never contradicts the Scriptures.
2. Putting out a 'fleece' as Gideon did.
3. Listen to the advice of Spirit led Christians and ask the Lord to confirm His will through them.
4. Ask Him to close every door which He doesn't want you to step through and be willing to step through any door He opens.
5. Be very careful that you are not manipulating signs to fit your own desires.
6. Don't be content with only one of these things but use a combination of things.
7. WAIT. Don't rush into things. The Lord's timing is always perfect so don't be impatient.