



But, How Do I Know God's Will? By:

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The above is a question I was asked one night at a recovery meeting by a young lady who was on her road to recovery and just starting her walk in the Lord's way. She was so sincere and expecting that I truly wanted to give her an answer. I was, at that time, also co-teaching a Wednesday night bible class using the text "Experiencing God" by the Blackaby brothers; and its whole premise dealt with this subject. Get your free download here: I cannot recommend this text enough. If you truly study it, you will increase your knowledge of God's word and better understand how to listen to Him.

You might say, "I just can't understand the Bible!" Fair enough. Some would say "only read the King James version. It is the only true word of God." I believe that not to actually be the case. Other versions lend themselves to a better understanding of His Word. It certainly is not beyond reason to cross reference several versions. But, just as Blackaby makes clear, we never discover anything in the Bible. It—in His time—is revealed to us by the leading of the Holy Spirit. The key word in the previous sentence is: "in His time." If we diligently seek to understand His word, He will reveal it to us as we need it, not—necessarily—as we think we need it.

If you are not saved, then you do not have the Holy Spirit abiding within you and you will never understand God's word. So, the very first step in understanding the Bible is to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. If you are ready to do this, go no further with the reading of this document until you have asked God for forgiveness of all your sins, accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and thanked Him for having saved your soul. It is just that simple. Now you can be on your way to reading, hearing, studying, and properly dividing the word of God.

According to George Muller, there are six steps one must accomplish before knowing God's will. Get any number of his books here. Did I mention they are FREE!!? So, who is this George Muller you might—rightfully—ask? George Muller was a thief, womanizer, liar, and general all-round no-good scoundrel who lived in the 1800s. He was born, raised, and educated in Germany. His life changed when he was saved at a bible study as a young man. All his wayward ways were eradicated and his footsteps became directed by God Himself through the leading of His Holy Spirit as he established one orphanage after another in his adopted land, England.

Totally broke and with no glimmer of monetary stability when he arrived in Bristol, he became totally dependent on God for every cent. He made—what we today would call—million dollar



deals with no money and no physical prospects of acquiring any. His secret to success, was no secret. It was all found in the reading of His Holy Word, prayer, Holy Spirt, and providential circumstances.

Let's take a look at the six steps that Muller believed to be necessary for communion with God:

- 1) Get the heart in such a state that it has no will of its own. (The will of God is all that matters.)
- 2) Do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression.
- 3) Seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with the Word of God.
- 4) Take into account providential circumstances. These often indicate God's Will in connection with His Word and the Holy Spirit.
- 5) Ask—in prayer—for God to reveal His will.
- 6) If your mind continues to be at peace after two or three more petitions, then proceed accordingly.

Don't just take Muller's word for it; read the scriptures he quotes in support of God's success through him in his book, "Answer to Prayers." Know that we can do nothing except through the power of Jesus Christ through us.

John 15:1

New King James Version

"I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

So, what is God's will for you? What is God's will for all of us? We all have the same command aside from loving him with all our being: it is called the great commission. We are to be living witnesses for Him. The great commission is:

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 13:47

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

Romans 10:13-14

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?



1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Romans 10:13-15

"For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

John 20:21

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.

I encourage you to remain in the Great Commission roll until He reveals what else He has for you. We are all different; and He has something different for each of us to do. What was it that John 15:1 said? Remain in Him! Do this and see what wonders He will accomplish in you.

May God lead you in all your endeavors.

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