

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the name of Jesus who fulfilled all the will of God.

Over the past 53 years that I have been in the ministry the one question that I have been asked is this. How can I know the will of God for my life? It would be nice if it were that easy, but as you know, it isn't. Knowing and doing the will of God has always been a struggle. As soon as we get some glimpse of the will of God everything begins to attack it. Jesus experienced this on the way to the cross.

Luke 22:42 "saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

Ga 5:17* For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

The disciples also experienced this struggle.

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

The answer is in the words; Watch and Pray. God doesn't program us to do His will and then release us upon the earth, but as we stay focused on Him He reveals His will.

Jesus teaches us that it isn't the one who knows the will of God but rather the one who does the will of God.

Matthew 21:28-31 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you."

The more you know and do the will of God the more you know and understand.

Matthew 13:12 "For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

So we watch and pray. What is our prayer?

Matthew 6:10 "Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven."

God has this wonderful plan and He wants us to pray and proclaim it until it is totally established on the earth. God doesn't have a separate plan for us outside of His perfect will for the whole earth. As we focus (WATCH) on Him through His Word, Praise, Worship and Prayer His will for our individual lives come into clear view. Giving THANKS always helps us focus on Him and establishes us in the perfect will of God

1Th 5:18* in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

When I am giving thanks I know I am in the perfect will of God. It is in this that we acknowledge that His way is right and we desire to walk in it.

Hebrews 10:36 "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:"

1 John 2:17 "And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

Hebrews 13:21 May God, "Make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

I pray that you will live in the perfect will of God and fulfill all of His good pleasure.