

KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD - 5/23/10

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Why should we want to know and do the will of God?

I. THE COMMANDS

- A. WALK IN THE **SPIRIT** (Gal. 5:16-18)
- B. FIGHT THE **FLESH** (1 Thess. 4:1-8)
- C. SUBMIT TO **AUTHORITY** (1 Pet. 2:13-17)
- D. REJOICE IN **TRIALS** (1 Pet. 4:12-18)

II. THE RESOURCES

- A. **WORD** OF GOD (Ps. 119:105)
- B. **PRAYER**/PERSONAL DESIRES (Col. 1:9-10; Ja. 1:5; Ps. 37:4)
- C. **CIRCUMSTANCES**/INNER IMPRESSIONS (Acts 16:6-10; Phil. 1:12-14)
- D. MATURE **COUNSEL** (Prov. 12:15; 13:10; 19:20)
- E. COMMON **SENSE** (Prov. 6:32; 15:21)
- F. **RESULTS** (2 Tim. 3:10-15)

III. THE PRINCIPLES

- A. The revealed commands and principles of God are to be **obeyed**.
- B. Where the Bible gives no command or principle, the believer is **free** and responsible to choose his own course.
- C. In non-moral decisions, the Christian is to make **wise** decisions on the basis of spiritual **expediency**.
- D. In all decisions, the believer should humbly **submit**, in advance, to the outworking of God's sovereign will.

IV. THE EXAMPLE (Rom 1:10-15; 15:20-9)

- **Purposes**: Paul adopted spiritual goals.
- **Priorities**: He arranged his goals into wise priorities.
- **Plans**: Next, he devised plans that gave him a strategy.
- **Prayer**: He submitted himself and his plans to the sovereign will of God.
- **Perseverance**: When providentially hindered from accomplishing his plans, he assumed that the delay was God's sovereign will.