

# Meet Your Psychiatrist: He Helps You Make Decisions

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The matter of the will of God is often nebulous.
- B. It is important not only to do and know the will of God, but to understand it for God's glory.
- C. We understand God's will through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and God's peace in the heart.
- D. The will of God can become a mechanical thing, however. The will of God can be sought for selfish gain.
- E. The will of God is a living thing.
- F. Text: Ephesians 3:15.
- G. There are essentials for knowing the reasons behind the will of God.

## II. Faith in the Lord Jesus.

- A. This is essential for salvation and surrender.
- B. The unsaved person is befuddled about the will of God. (Ephesians 4:17)
- C. Every Christian should trust God for things beyond salvation as well. (Matthew 11)
- D. God plans his will for our lives that we might grow in faith. Sometimes this means we will have difficult experiences.

## III. Love for all of the saints.

- A. God has joined faith in Christ and love for God's people.
- B. If we are going to be guided in the will of God, we must love all of God's people.
- C. Christian love is an act of the will.

## IV. A deepening knowledge of God.

- A. The most important thing in life is to get to know God better.
- B. If we are growing in our knowledge of God, it will be much easier to know his will better.
- C. We know God with regard to...
  1. What he is going to do tomorrow.
  2. Your value as a saint.
  3. His power that is available today.

## V. Conclusion: the will of God is a byproduct of spending time in the Word of God.

### **Application questions:**

1. Why cannot Christians know the will of God?

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2. How can you love those who are difficult to love better?

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3. Which area of knowing God would you like to grow in the most? How can you go about this practically?

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