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How To Know God's Will For Your Life

I. How to make Godly decisions—How to know God's Will in the matter.

1. God's Word:

- a. The more of God's Word you know the more of God's Will you will know.
- b. It is really more than simply knowing God's Word—Faith/Trust in God's Word and Obeying God's Word.
- c. When Jesus give a commandment, He is not saying feel this way; He is saying ACT this way. (Titus 1:2, NLT; Isaiah 40:8, NKJV)

2. God's Principles:

- a. When God's Word is not clear, simply apply the principles of God's Word and the Character of God.
- b. God's more concerned about our character than where we work, got to school, or even marry. (Colossians 3:17, NKJV)
- c. Within God's Word He gives us freedom—Principles to follow when making decisions.
 - i. Many times, what brings us pressure/worry is what we worship—God is a jealous God and only wants us to worship Him. (Philippians 4:6, TEV)
 - ii. God does not want us to be servant to any master but Him. (Proverbs 22:7, NKJV)
 - iii. Don't date a non-practicing Christian. (2 Corinthians 6:14, NKJV; Psalm 127:1, NKJV)
 - iv. Submit, respect, and love your spouse. (Ephesians 5:22-23, NKJV; Ephesians 5:25, NKJV; Ephesians 5:33, NKJV)
 - v. God has a clear moral will for our life. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20, NKJV)
 - vi. God is the God of peace and is now our Great Shepherd. (Colossians 3:17, NKJV; Hebrews 13:20-21, NKJV)
 - vii. Will this bring honor and glory to God? (Hebrews 10:25, NKJV)
 - viii. Men are to work and be provider of their household. (1 Timothy 5:8, NKJV)

3. God's Authorities: (Romans 13:1-2, NKJV)

- a. God places authorities in our life for our good—resisting authorities God placed over us will bring God's judgement on us.

- b. The main reason people don't go to their God given authorities for advice is PRIDE.
- c. **Children**—Jesus is the perfect example of being subject to and obeying His parents - (Luke 2:41-52, NKJV) Children if you are living in the home with your parents they are the authorities in your life.
- d. Obeying those in authority over us increases our wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man. (Ephesians 6:1-4, NKJV)
- e. **At work**—work unto the Lord—learn to respect the position when you can't respect the person. (Ephesians 6:5-9, NKJV; Ephesians 6:5, MSG; Luke 7:8-9, NKJV)
- f. **At home** – Husband/Wife need to mutually submit to God. (Ephesians 5:21-25, NKJV; 1 Corinthians 14:33-34, NKJV)
- g. **Spiritual Authorities** – David was one of the greatest examples of submitting to his Spiritual Authorities. (1 Samuel 24:4-7, NKJV)

4. God's Sovereignty:

- a. Will this choice bring glory to God?
- b. Is this a decision Jesus would make?
- c. Will I be proud of this decision at the Judgement Seat of Christ?
- d. Would I want this done to me?
- e. Will this decision appear wrong to someone even though it might be right?
- f. Will this decision cause a brother or sister in Christ to struggle or stumble spiritually?
- g. Does this decision line up with God's Character?