

Lesson Notes:

God's Will for My Life

Many times over the years people have expressed to me they were trying to find God's will for their lives. Often they make statements like "I really do not know what God wants me to do."

We first must determine what the person means by their statement they are seeking God's will. Are they seeking to know?

1. What they should be doing today
2. What they will be doing in the future
3. If God has some special thing He wants them to do?

There is really no mystery to the matter and the answer to all these questions is actually quite simple. Below is a discussion of scripture related to finding God's will for our lives:

Scriptural Principles

1. **God's will for my life in the present - Romans 12:1** begins with a simple but profound statement..."**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**"

Therefore if we examine Romans 12:1 three desires stand out:

1. He wants us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.
 2. He wants us to reject the life style of the world and be transformed to holiness.
 3. He wants us to renew our minds and focus on what is good, acceptable and perfect in the eyes of the Lord.
2. **What about God's will for me in the future?** - We do not need to know a great deal about the future God has for us. Certainly we would like to know what God wants for us in the future, but what is important is to know what He wants today! If God directs today, and tomorrow and the next day...on into the future...God will get us to where he wants us to be and will use us as he desires. By living for God as directed in **Ephesians 5:18** we are open to be molded by God into the person that he wants us to be.
 3. **How do I know if God has something special he would like me to accomplish?** - In **Matthew 22:37** when asked what is the greatest commandment Jesus tells his followers that it is to Love the Lord with all of your heart, all of your soul and all of your mind. In **Ephesians 2:10** Paul tells us that we are called to serve the Lord and to be like Jesus. If we are open to his will in our lives and we ask him to direct our paths he will show us the way.