

## FINDING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

I Thessalonians 5:14-24

### Introduction:

1. It's the most critical and complex issue in living the Christian life.
2. Condition yourself daily so you will be positioning yourself constantly to walk in God's will.

### **I. (vv. 14-24) CONDITIONING YOURSELF TO FIND GOD'S WILL.**

1. (vv. 14-22) God gives exhortations to us.
  - A. (v. 14a) You must do a warning work.
    - 1) You owe it to God, your friendship, yourself, and others.
    - 2) Numbers 32:23b says, "Be sure your sin will find you out."
  - B. (v. 14b) You must do a worthy work.
  - C. (v. 15) You must do a wise work.
  - D. (vv. 16-22) You must do a willing work.
    - 1) (v. 16) This is a willful choice and commandment.
    - 2) (v. 17) This is a willful choice and commandment.
    - 3) (v. 18) This is a willful choice and commandment.
    - 4) (v. 19) This is a willful choice and commandment.
    - 5) (v. 20) This is a willful choice and commandment.
    - 6) (v. 21) This is a willful choice and commandment.
    - 7) (v. 22) This is a willful choice and commandment.
  - E. (vv. 14-22) All these things condition you to find God's will by living the Christian life.
2. (vv. 23-24) God does extraordinary work in us.
  - A. (v. 23a) Here's God's work of sanctification in us.
  - B. (v. 23b) Here's God's work of spiritually and morally securing us.
  - C. (v. 24) God's work is eternally sufficient for us.

**[We've seen we must be conditioning ourselves to find God's will: ]**

### **II. POSITIONING YOURSELF TO FIND GOD'S WILL.**

1. We must be cleansing our life from all sin.
  - A. Psalm 66:18 says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."
  - B. I Peter 3:12a says, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."
  - C. Cleansing frees us to hear God's voice.
  - D. Cleansing frees us to be neutral in our will.

- E. I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
2. We must be asking the Lord to show us His face.
  - A. Jeremiah 29:11-13 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil to give you an expected end. Then shall you call upon Me, and you shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And you shall seek Me, and find Me, when you shall search for Me with all your heart."
  - B. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
  - C. I John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us; and if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."
3. We must be meditating upon and with God.
  - A. God speaks through 1-His Bible (study it); 2-Surrendered prayer (do it); 3-Guidance of the Holy Spirit (follow it); 4-Circumstances we find ourselves in (look to Him); and 5-The counsel of committed Christian's praying friends (hear them).
  - B. Mark 11:24 says, "I say unto you, whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them." (Pray in faith believing.)
4. We must be waiting upon the Lord to reveal the answer.
  - A. Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."
  - B. Psalm 27:14 says, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord."
  - C. Prayer is just as much listening for God to speak back to you as it is our speaking to Him. (Be careful to hear from God—not Satan, the counterfeit!)
  - D. What God says to me is much more important than what I have to say to God!

### Conclusion:

Do all of the above, wait, and watch for God to work!