



Introduction

The number one question believers ask a pastor:

"How can I know God's will for my life?"

Faithful believers are not exempt from uncertainty.

Among Christians there are 2 dominant understandings of the Will of God.

The "Perfect will of God"

Is Comprehensive

Is Personal

Is Unique

For Each Believer

God also has a moral will and a sovereign will for the world.

The General will of God"

Not Comprehensive

Not Personal

Not Unique

For Each Believer

Some have a special calling but it is neither normative, nor exhaustive.

The series is aimed at helping us to see some often over-looked insights on how God is at work in and on our lives to accomplish his ultimate plan for us – *to make us more and more like Jesus*.

We will not answer every question you may have about the perfect, personal, plan God for your life.

1 - God has a plan Some accept that Other's just aren't interested.

In the Beginning Genesis 3.

Pharaoh Exodus 5:1-2

Samuel I Samuel 3:10

Jesus Matthew 26:39

A Word from Jesus John 7:17

Consider the Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

Your kingdom come. Your *will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Do we even know what it is that we are pursuing for?

2 - God's plan is not the same as my plan. Isaiah 55:8-9

My Will

God's Will

3- It is entirely possible to believe you know God's plan and completely miss it.

- The Teachers of the Law did John 5:37-40
- Saul of Tarsus did Acts 26:9
- The Apostles did. Acts 1:6
- The Church has consistently missed it.

4 - It is always prudent to examine ourselves. 2 Corinthians 13:5

Shouldn't We Ask?

If we know that:

- The nation of Israel consistently missed God's will;
- the Jewish high priest and their highest ruling council missed God's will;
- the picky, particular, pious Pharisees missed God's will;
- the historic church even in the scriptures often missed God's will;
- and the visible expressions of the modern church often miss God's will –

It would be reasonable that we should humbly and honestly ask:

- “Am I missing the will of God? Are we together, missing the will of God?”
- “Am I blindly being led by blind guides in a direction that is opposed to, or at least resistant to, the will of God?”
- “Am I engaged in building, advancing, and propping up something that is fundamentally different than what God is wanting to do in the world?”

This season should remind us that other people thought they were doing the will of God when in fact they were clueless.

You may think it is too risky, too costly, too troubling to ask such uncomfortable questions.

I suggest that it is ultimately far too risky, too costly, and too troubling not to ask.