

The Mystery of God's Will:

Decision Making and the Question of Whether God Has An Individual Will For Your Life

Part 7 – Doing The Will Of God



The Road Map

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COMING UP: Answering Your Questions About God's Will

Praying for God's Will























Finding God's Will vs. Doing God's Will

James 1:22-25

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word
but does not do what it says
is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and,
after looking at himself,
goes away and immediately forgets
what he looks like.

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it he will be blessed in what he does.



Caring for the poor; visiting those in prison; bringing medicine to the sick; comforting the dying; looking after widows and orphans; feeding on the word; worshiping the Lord; giving to the needy; rescuing victims of abuse and sexual trafficking; sending out missionaries; serving to strengthen the local body; telling others about the Gospel; mentoring a new believer; seeking accountability for the sins we struggle with the most; befriending the downtrodden; inviting those less fortunate into our homes (for more than just a meal); spending time with the elderly; loving and providing for the needs of the disabled; speaking for those who do not have a voice; defending the defenseless and seeking justice for those who have no hope; donating (and purchasing) clothing for those in need; sending Bibles to believers who have no access to the Word; translating ministry resources into other languages; living among unchurched people; investing money for kingdom purposes; stewarding the earth and its resources; living in simplicity to further the work of the kingdom through our giving.



Why do we have such a hard time doing God's will?

- 1. Distraction
- 2. No sense of urgency / denial
- 3. No desire to do God's will



How do we overcome distraction to do the will of God?

- 1. Focus on the end goal.
- 2. Continually readjust your heading.
- 3. Trust God to:
 - provide for you
 - take care of your needs
 - give you strength
 - guide your steps
 - work all things for good (of all)
 - welcome you to your real home



How do we overcome distraction to do the will of God?





How do we overcome lack of urgency to do the will of God?

James 4:14-15:

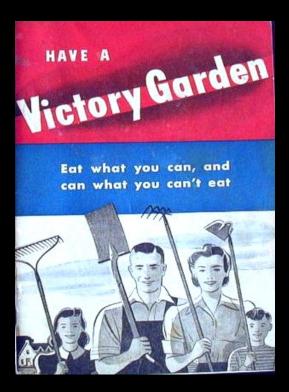
"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

Instead, you ought to say,
"If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."



How do we overcome lack of urgency to do the will of God?







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After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ... 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'





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