

Are You Doing God's Will? Part 1

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(Acts 20:26-27 KJV)

Paul said to the Ephesians that he was not hesitated to proclaim to them the whole counsel of God. Why that was a thing of prime importance to Paul, and is important for the church to proclaim the whole council of God or the whole will of God? You can find the answer in verse 26 when Paul said to the Ephesians, ***“26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.”*** (Acts 20:26-27 KJV) Once we declare to the people the whole will of God we are no more accountable before God for their lives. If they will follow the instructions they will be blessed and if they will not obey, then they are sinning against us and against God and He shall call them for an account. It is very important to do and to live according to God's will, ***“17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”*** (1John 2:17 KJV) The whole world one day will pass away, but we who do the whole will of God will stand with God and forever.

“3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” (Galatians 1:3-5 KJV) Christ died for me and for your sins, to save us and to give us eternal life. And this is the will of God: as Christ gave His life to us we therefore need to give our lives for Him and for His cause.

Ananias said to Paul the following when Paul repented and got baptized: ***“14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. 16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”*** (Acts 22:14-16 KJV) It is the will of God that you will know His will, to hear His Word, to see vision, to be His witness to others and to get water baptized.

“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:.” (Acts 13:36 KJV) In this verse we can read that David served his own generation by the will of God. Also Paul wrote to the Philippians the following: ***“13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”*** (Philippians 2:13) Therefore we are called to serve the people around us by the will of God. Not with what the people like or wish but to impart to them the will of God, and with such we need to yield ourselves fully to God to do the whole will of God.

“1 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. 2 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.” (Romans 12:1-2 KJV)

The way here to experience and come to know the pleasing and perfect will of God is by observing the following:

1. To offer the parts of your bodies to the Lord as living sacrifice.
2. Do not confirm any longer to the pattern of this world.
3. To be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Jesus gives highest regard and value to those who do the whole will of God as we can read here, ***“33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? 34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.”*** (Mark 3:33-35 KJV) When we abide with God and go on and do His will in our lives, in the lives of the people under our care, and in the ministry that God had entrusted to us, then we become the brother, the sister and the mother of Jesus.

Those who lives for God they will go and move along the whole will of God and they will not do their own. Paul promised the Ephesians upon his departure from them that he will come back to them if that is God's will, ***“21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.”*** (Acts 18:21 KJV) In the same way we must not be moving to places without the approval of God and the agreement of His will.

This is the same with what Paul expressed to the Romans about his visit to them, that he will travel to them if that is the will of God as we read here: ***“10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you..”*** (Romans 1:10 KJV) ***“32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.”*** (Romans 15:32)

“13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.” (James 4:13-16) So what we learn here is that traveling to places and starting business, to sell and buy, it depend on God's will and we cannot do our own. Braging and boasting is sin. Even if you have money and if you have resources and have the power to move, you should not go on with your plan unless you have God's approval.

There are many people who behave and act and do certain things, that when you look at them, these things are agreeing with the Word of God, but they contradict the will of God. Therefore you need yo be careful. Not every thing the Word of God permit you to do is allow for you to do. It might not be the will of God for you. The written Word is the Logus that will instruct you to do certain things. But the Rhema Word is what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you at that particular moment and that what you need to apply. When the Rhema Word would go along the logus and agree with it then this is the will of God.

“3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:” (1Thessalonians 4:3 KJV) It is God’s will for you to repent and to be cleansed from all your sins. It is God’s will that you will not rush for a relationship and fall in sin. It is God’s will that you need to be well prepared materially and spiritually before you think to marry and have a family. Be pure and clean until the right time for you to have a family. When you are ready and well prepared God will bring the right partner that you need and the one He prepared for you.

“18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you..” (1Thessalonians 5:18 KJV) The meaning of giving thanks to God in all circumstances is that you accept the will of God to you in Christ Jesus. Even when it contradict your will and your plan still you need to accept that and give thanks to the Lord.

And even when you pray and commit yourself to God, then commit yourself to Him according to His will and not your will. Pray as Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane, “36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.” (Mark 14:36 KJV)

Therefore we pray according to the will of God and as we are led by the Holy Spirit, “26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27 KJV)

As well as we need to pray for the disciples, the new believers and the new congregations who are under our care that they will do the whole will of God. Like Epaphras who was praying for his Colossians congregation as Paul testified about him, “12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.” (Colossians 4:12 KJV)

We apply the will of God in the way we serve and work for others as we can observe here in the following Scriptures:

“5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.” (Ephesians 6:5-8 KJV) In verse 5 Apostle Paul recommended for the servants to obey their masters with fear and trembling as if they are obeying Christ. In verse 6 it teaches to serve well not only when their masters eyes on them just to please men, but to do the work diligently as servant of Christ, for in serving you are doing the will of God, then you need to do it and serve with all your heart because according to verse 7 you are serving the Lord and not men. Knowing according to verse 8 that whatever good you do you will receive the same from the Lord, whether you are servants or not. So here all of us is under Christ and we are

His servants so whatever we do we are doing the work for Christ, therefore we need to do that well so He will reward us.

“22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.” (Colossians 3:22-25 KJV) Apostle Paul in verse 22 he teaches that servants need to obey their masters, and they need to serve them well, not only when their eyes on them, as some they do, in front of their boss they work very nice to receive his favor, but at his absence they don’t care about the quantity and quality of the work, such people or workers are men pleasers and they are not fearing God. To fear God is to serve well because you are aware that God is watching you. Therefore according to verse 23 then whatever you do then do it to the Lord, it mean you need to do your best, because according to verse 24 with such kind of good service you are serving Christ and you will receive an inheritance in Heaven from the Lord. But if you do wrong and give no good service, according to verse 25 you will receive for the wrong that you are doing, whoever you are because in the Lord there is no favoritism.

In our service to God we need to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God give to us. As God save us through Jesus Christ our Lord, He confirmed that with signs and wonders and distributed gifts according to His will so that we can serve the Living God, “4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will.” (Hebrews 2:4 KJV)

The church should also do God’s will. Moses declared that he is sitting as judge for the people who are coming seeking from him the will of God, “15 Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. 16 Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and laws.” (Exodus 18:15-16 KJV) Moses was declaring to the people the will of God by informing them God’s Word and His laws. The same is what Paul did to the Ephesians church, and this what he spoke in his farwell to them: “18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, 19 Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: 20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, 21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. 26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of

all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” (Acts 20:18-27 KJV)

Repeatedly Paul mentioned in many letters that he is an apostle according to the will of God, as we read ***here “I Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,.” (Colossians 1:1 KJV) As a church our duties is to proclaim the whole will of God to people around us and to the disciples and the believers that God had entrusted to our care.***

The spiritual gifts and the anointing that God had given us is to continue the apostolic ministry that the Lord had started through His apostles, and to continue proclaim the message and to fulfil the ministerial duties that the Lord had entrusted to us.

“34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” (John 4:34 KJV) We are called to continue to evangelise, making disciples, and caring for the congregations that the Lord is planting, declaring together with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

My Dear and Beloved: Jesus said, ***“17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.” (John 7:17 KJV)*** Let us ponder on the message and ponder on the rest of the teaching that we received from Jesus and apply in the various aspects on our lives so that we will experience the good, pleasant and the perfect will of God.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life.

Lord thank you for revealing to me your will in a more clear and profound way.

Let us renounce our sins and mistakes. Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord cleanse my mind and purify me from all unrighteousness. Lord I commit myself to do your will and finishing your work according to your instruction to me through this message. Lord enable me and provide for me Lord and give me patient and perseverance to achieve all that.

Lord I pray for my brothers and sisters to abide with the instructions, and enable them to see your goodness through your Word that you send to bring them a good life and life to the full. Lord gives them willingness to be transformed and to do the very things that you want them to do. Lord provides all their needs and lead them to be good examples to the people around them and to the whole world.

Lord I pray for us as a church to be doer of your Word and to accomplish the tasks that you had called us to do for you. Lord comfort us, give us understanding and wisdom, strengthen us and give us peace. Lord, refill us again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives. Lord enable us to evangelize and reach new people with the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. Lord fill us with love, mercy and enable us to plant

new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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