Knowing the will of God Psalm 40:8

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<u>David</u> knew what God's will was by keeping God's law within his heart and before his eyes.

According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, the word <u>WILL</u> means to <u>express desire</u>, <u>choice</u>, <u>willingness</u>, <u>consent</u> to wish or desire. <u>Jeremiah 29:11</u>, <u>Hebrews 13:20-21</u>, <u>Psalm 119:105</u>, <u>James 1:5</u>,

Many times, when it comes to making more serious decisions such as <u>picking a spouse</u>, <u>choosing a job</u>, or <u>deciding what career to go into</u> we get stuck at knowing whether it's the will of God or not. <u>Proverbs 3:5</u>

When we put priority on God's word and have a constant hunger for His word and knowing His ways, God will lead us through the Holy Spirit to His will through our thoughts and desires. Psalm 1;1-6, Philippians 2:13

When your mind has been renewed with the word of God, you get to a point where what He wants is what you want, His desires are your desires, and they are good, pleasing, and perfect to you and Him. Psalms 37:4-5 Romans 2:1,

At this stage what you desire and ask for will be granted because you are in God's will and your heart is in sync with his. (John 15:7)

When we are seeking Gods will we want to know if something is his desire for us and if we have his consent to go ahead with it. <u>James 4:15</u>

Having established that, let's examine some of the very obvious will(s) of God stated very clearly in the Bible; <u>1 Timothy 2:3-4</u>, <u>1 Thessalonians 5:8</u>, <u>1 Thessalonians 4:3-5</u>, <u>1 Peter 2:15</u>, <u>Ephesians 5:17-18</u>,

- 8 Steps to Knowing God's Will for Your Life
- 1 <u>Walk with God</u>. you must learn to walk with God. You need to develop a relationship with Him.
- 2 <u>Surrender your will to God's</u>. Before God will begin to reveal His will to you, you must be committed to doing whatever it is that He desires for you to do.
- 3 <u>Obey what you already know to be God's Will.</u> If we do not obey the things that God has shown us clearly to be His will, why would we think He would reveal any further information regarding His plan for our lives?
- 4 <u>Seek godly input</u>. One key component to finding God's will is to seek the input of godly advisors in your life. The more you involve yourself with a community of believers, the greater your chances will be of finding godly men and women who can help you discern God's will.
- 5. <u>Pay attention to how God has gifted you</u>. God has gifted every one of us to perform a special mission for which we alone were created. How amazing is that? Wow!
- 6. Listen to God's Spirit. He will reveal to you with great clarity what God will is for your life
- 7. <u>Look at your circumstances</u>. God often clearly demonstrates His plan for our lives by lining up circumstances in obvious ways. And He also shows us what His will is NOT for us to do in that same way.
- 8. <u>Listen with your heart.</u> With the mouth confession is made and with heart man believes.