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“Transformed: Seeing Life Differently”

“Not My Will, But God’s” Core 43

“Who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 2:16

A. You can know God’s will...

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

1. You can know God’s will, but to know it you must first surrender.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God...”

2. You can know God’s will, but to know it you can’t conform to the world’s standard.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world...”

3. You can know God’s will, but to know it you must be transformed in your heart and mind.

“...be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

4. You can know God’s will, but to know it you must be able to discern what it is.

“Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”

“Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.” Hebrews 5:14

B. God’s will is shown in His Word...

“If you are ignorant of God’s Word, you will always be ignorant of God’s will.” -Billy Graham

1. God has a plan for His will to be seen in us.

“In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will,” Ephesians 1:11 NIV

2. God’s will is that you would be a grateful follower.

“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

3. God’s will is for your life to be honorable.

“It is God’s will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you.” 1 Peter 2:15

4. God’s will is for all to be saved.

“who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:4

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” 2 Peter 3:9

5. Obedience to God’s will gives eternal life.

“The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:17 NIV

“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of My Father in heaven will enter.” Matthew 7:21

6. Don’t give up in following God’s will.

“Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that He has promised.” Hebrews 10:36

7. Sometimes God’s will may bring suffering.

“For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:17 NIV

C. God’s will is known when you have the mind of Christ...

“No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths. But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to

them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. For, ‘Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach Him?’ But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

1. Having the mind of Christ is learning to be like Him.

“Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.” Colossians 3:10

2. Having the mind of Christ comes by His Spirit in you.

“And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.”

3. Having the mind of Christ may be contrary to the world’s thinking.

“But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.”

4. Having the mind of Christ is possible.

“But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.”

D. God’s will is known when you are willing to follow the will of God...

“Our difficulty is not that we don’t know God’s will. Our discomfort comes from the fact that we do know His will, but we do not want to do it.” Henry Blackaby

1. We must know God’s Word to know His will.

“For the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” Hebrews 4:12

2. We must apply the Word of God to our lives.

“transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is...” Romans 12:2

3. We must live out the Word of God to find the will of God. 95% of your actions is spillover from your mind!

"We know that God's Word has saturated our lives when it has overflowed into our actions." -Aubrey Coleman

"His good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

4. God will equip you with all you need to fulfill His will.

"may He equip you with all you need for doing His will."
Hebrews 13:21a

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