

# Three Truths for Knowing the Will of God

*Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV) 15 Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

For the past few Sundays I opened this series of sermons saying, The will of God is not hidden, but rather it is revealed to us through the Word of God. God does not bypass our minds when it comes to His will for us. That's why Paul said in *Ephesians 5:17 (NIV) 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

We also spoke on the two of the truths for knowing the will of God which were:

**1) Nothing is the will of God if it is not in accordance with the Word of God.**

**2) Before you can know the will of God for your life, you must be willing to do the will of God.**

Today we are going to talk about the third and final part of this series:

**3) The Lord must reveal His will to His child who is yielded!**

A. *Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.*

*<sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer 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.*

The key is surrender.

*John 6:35-40 (NIV)*

*<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.*

*<sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.*

*<sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.*

*<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.*

*<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.*

*<sup>40</sup> For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."*

It is absolutely impossible to not know the will of God if you are yielded.

*Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)*

*<sup>21</sup> Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

God will direct - He will guide –

*John 16:13 (NIV)*

*<sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he*

*will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

B. He will guide us by His eyes.

*Psalm 32:8 (AMP)*

*<sup>8</sup> I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.*

*1 Peter 3:12 (NLT)*

*<sup>12</sup> The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."*

Ex. How you silently guide your children. They must be looking at you though or they will not know what you want.

We must keep our eyes upon the God if we are to be led and directed into His will

*Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)*

*<sup>2</sup> We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.*

C. He will give us our way if we refuse to yield.

*Psalm 106:13-15 (AMP)*

*<sup>13</sup> But they hastily forgot His works; they did not [earnestly] wait for His plans [to develop] regarding them,*

*<sup>14</sup> But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness and tempted and tried to restrain God [with their insistent desires] in the desert.*

*<sup>15</sup> And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls and [thinned their numbers by] disease and death.*

Along with our way will come leanness into our soul. How much better it would have been if they (Israel) only would have yielded - how much better for us! How much better for us if we yield to God and stop complaining about our situations or stop putting the blame on others for our down falls

### **Inclusion**

1. Nothing is the will of God if it is not in accordance with the word of God.
2. Before we can know the will of God we must be willing to do the will of God.
3. The key is a surrendered life.

My Prayer this afternoon for you is, do you know the will of God for your life? If not, why not determine that you will seek to apply the principles of His Word to your life. Are you willing to do what He asks? Are you truly surrendered?