

Accomplishing The Plan of God

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Rick Renner said, “The will of God is like a trail we follow.” The devil works to break up the trail or road that leads us into the will of God for our lives. This activity took place in the Apostle Paul’s life because he wrote to the church of Thessalonica, “We would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.” (1 Thess.2:18) The word “hindered” in this verse of scripture means the breaking up of a road to make it impassable for travelers. So the devil attempts to stop, prevent, and impede our journey in fulfilling the will of God by creating obstacles and difficulties along the way. The devil will get us to think that there is no way that we can get from where we are presently to where God wants us to be. It is like encountering detour signs along the way which are designed to get us off our course.

Paul On The Road

Even though Paul encountered times of adversity, he also knew that as a believer, re-created in Christ Jesus, he must continue and follow the road that God had pre-arranged and prepared for him ahead of time. Paul knew that he could not get sidetracked, but he had to stay on the road to fulfill the will of God for his life.

We Are On The Road

Just like the Apostle Paul, we are called to be on the road fulfilling the will of God and accomplishing the plan of God for our lives, but as any Christian knows, there are many adversaries. Rick Renner said, “There will never be a time that the enemy just lets us do what’s in our hearts.” But as believers, we are not ignorant of Satan’s devices, so what do we do when we see flashing signs indicating that the road is impassable? The good news is that we can always do something when there are roadblocks and barricades all around us. Here are a few examples of what we can do when the road looks impassable.

- 1) Be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18 says, “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.” The message Bible says, “Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of Him.” The Jordan translation says that we are to “tank up on the Spirit.” In Acts 2:4, the scripture says “And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” This scripture shows us that people who are filled with the Holy Spirit pray in tongues. Praying in tongues is powerful because it causes us to pray beyond our own understanding. When we pray in tongues, we are praying according to the will of God, and we will be edified and empowered.
- 2) Confession of God’s Word. E.W. Kenyon said, “Confession builds the road over which faith carries its mighty cargo.” Confession holds a very large place in our Christian life. We are to “acknowledge every good thing which is in you in Christ

- 3) Jesus,” (Philemon, verse 6). Kenneth E. Hagin said, "You will never have anything beyond your own words.” Our tongue controls the direction and destination of our lives, not our problem or adversity. What kind of dream has God placed in your heart? The devil will throw a mountain in our way, but our confession will cause that hindrance to move out of the way. Jesus said to speak to the mountain and it would obey us, (Mk 11:23). As Mark Hankins says, “If that mountain is there, you can move it. There are no immovable mountains.” So our confession of faith causes hindrances to move out of the way so that we continue moving forward in the plan of God for our lives.
- 4) Offering praise and thanksgiving. Praise brings God into our situation because the scripture says in Ps. 22:3, “But thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.” Praising God when there are hindrances along the way is evidence that we believe the Word of God rather than the circumstances. When we praise, it brings glory to God and stops the devil’s activities and actually brings confusion to the enemy’s camp. Praise is proper behavior for the Christian and is to be a lifestyle for the believer and not just to be engaged in at church only. There is no problem that can stand between us and the will of God for our lives when we praise Him.
- 5) Walking in love. The scripture declares in Romans 5:5 that “The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given to us.” First Corinthians, 13: 4-8 gives us a definition or a description of the love of God. And in verse 8, the Amplified Bible puts it this way. “Love never fails, never fades out or becomes obsolete and never comes to an end.” God is love and walking in love shuts the door on the devil and nullifies his activities making it possible for us to venture on in our quest for God’s will for our lives.

Remember that Satan will always attempt to destroy the road that leads us into the will of God. But while he is working to stop, prevent, hinder, block, and impede our way, there are things that we must do to bring the plan of God into full view by staying on the road.