

## **Finding the Will of God**

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Throughout the Bible, there are wonderful examples of people who accomplished the purpose and plans of God for their lives. These individuals did mighty exploits and served their generation according to the will of God. Ephesians 5:17 says “Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” The Living Bible states, “Don’t act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to.”

### **DISCOVERING GOD’S WILL AND PURPOSE**

God has a plan for our lives and He wants us to pursue it with all of our hearts. There are many individuals in the Bible who did just that. God told Abraham to get out of his country and move from his kindred and go to a land that God wanted to show him. Abraham obeyed and followed God’s plan. One day, Elisha was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen when Elijah, the prophet, passed by and hit him with his mantle. Elisha killed his oxen, destroyed his farm equipment and headed in God’s direction for his life. Jesus walked on the shore of Galilee and said to four fishermen, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately responded and left their family business and pursued the will of God for their lives. On the road to Damascus, the Lord radically changed a man’s life and told him that there were things that were appointed for him to do. This persecutor of the church became the apostle Paul and fulfilled the will of God for his life.

### **TO WALK IN THE WILL OF GOD**

1) We must obey God

Isaiah 1:19 says, “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.”

If we will discover and follow God’s plan for our lives, we will be blessed and fully satisfied, knowing we are walking in the things that God has pre-arranged

for us. As we follow Him, he will bless us and make us a blessing because it always pays to obey God.

## 2) We must walk by faith

Smith Wigglesworth said, “A person can have a gift from God and never know it until they act in faith.” Esther is a great example of someone who acted in faith to fulfill the will of God for her life. Mordecai said to Esther, “Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther had to believe that she was the one that God was going to use in this situation to bring about God’s will. She didn’t run away from the will of God for her life, but she pursued it with all of her heart.

We have a tremendous opportunity to follow God’s plan just like those who have lived before us. Let’s be like David who knew the will of God and served his generation according to the will of God.

## **PARTNERSHIP**

We want to thank you for your partnership with this ministry. A few days ago, the Lord showed me a couple of scriptures on prosperity that truly blessed my life. The scriptures are Psalms 23:5, “My cup runneth over,” and Luke 6:38, “...shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom.” So we see in both the Old and New Testaments that God wants to bless His people to an “overflowing” measure. We expect overflowing blessings coming your way today. We love and appreciate your faithfulness.