

DIVINE GUIDANCE

Majority of believers in their spiritual childhood are in great dilemma of not discerning or finding out the will of God for their lives because of deep rooted spiritual ignorance. Spiritual ignorance is the lack of biblical frame of reference in the soul due to negative volition that rejects Bible doctrine. Knowing the will of God for your life is not complicated, blurred or irritating but easy and straightforward. The message of the Bible is very simple but the religious theologians are making it complicated and perverse. There are three categories of will under the human history:

- The Eternal Divine will
- The Satanic will in angelic conflict
- The human will in human history

The Divine will is the divine decree designed and created in the eternity past for the good welfare of men based on the perfect justice and righteousness of God. It is the perfect Plan of God for the imperfect men became a reality through the spiritual death of the Lord Jesus on a cross. The satanic will or angelic will is the policy of good and evil designed by the devil for corruption of mankind. The human will is the natural and negative response of believers toward God and His Word as dictated by the old sinful nature. The human and angelic will are collaborator working together to bypass and overthrow the divine will.

Divine guidance is possible only to an individual who is saved by faith alone in Christ alone (2 Peter 3:9) and who is filled with the Holy Spirit. God cannot reveal His plan and purpose to unbelievers and carnal believers. We are responsible to know the will of God by knowing the Word of God.

The basic principle of divine guidance is based on the fact that man possesses volition of the soul or free will. Volition is the decision of the soul not just of the brain to choose or reject the free gift of salvation and the Plan of grace for his life.

Because of the human free will, God hold every person accountable and responsible for his indecisions and decisions. There are seven revealed will of God; one for all members of the human race, and six exclusive for believers.

Salvation: is the only revealed will of God for the unbelievers. Our relationship with God begins with salvation not with our sacrifice or work for God. Salvation is the only will of God for all members of the human race. God's Plan of grace and divine purpose begins from salvation. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever Doing the will of God in this context is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 2:17, 3:23-24).

However, it is fatal to reject the will of God related to His free gift of salvation: "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36) The six revealed will of God for all believers are:

- Sanctification
- Spirit-control life
- Sincere gratitude in everything
- Suffering for blessings
- Secure confidence
- Spiritual production

It is the will of God for that all believers to be sanctified (1 Thess. 4:3a). Sanctification means to be set apart unto God by being in fellowship with the Lord. Three types of sanctification are involved here.

Positional sanctification occurs at the moment of salvation (1 Cor. 1:2, Heb. 10:10, Col. 2:10). Ultimate sanctification is the status of all believers in eternity (1 Thess. 5:23, 1 John 3:2). Experiential sanctification is the believer's growth in the Christian life through utilization of the grace provision and spiritual resources. Positional sanctification happened even without our knowledge, and ultimate sanctification will happen without our consent or decision.

However, positional sanctification requires our daily decision to reside and function inside the divine sphere under God's protocol. Refusal to be sanctified leads to misery and crisis.

It is the will of God for all believers to be controlled or filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18). If the believer is not filled with the Holy Spirit, all his so-called Christian activities are consider human good work done by the power of the OSN and rejected by God (Isaiah 64:6, Rom. 8:8, Proverbs 6:16-19). If the believer refuses to obey the command to rebound, he will remain useless and futile before God since he is controlled by his OSN.

Divine guidance is available to believers not but mysterious means but by means of Bible doctrine. The canon of the Bible is already completed and God is no longer speaking through dreams, visions, or directly to people no matter how spiritual they may be. God provides guidance through our prayer, mind, and providential circumstances only if the believer is spiritual and ardent student of the Bible

It is the will of God that all believers give thanks in everything (1 Thessalonians 5:18). It is God's will for us to be thankful, no matter what happens in our lives. Only the believers have this capacity acquired through consistent and progressive intake of Bible doctrine on daily basis. People by nature are unappreciative and full of grumbling (Phil. 2:14) but Christians with epignosis resident and stored in the kardia are genuinely thankful because they see their lives from divine perspective (Romans 8:28).

It is the will of God for the spiritually advancing believers to suffer (1 Peter 3:17). It is the will of God for spiritually mature believers to suffer according to the will of God (1 Peter 4:19) based on the experiential sanctification. This is suffering for blessing, different from self-induce miseries and suffering because of personal sins. Self-made miseries and personal sin is not the will of God for believers, but under angelic and human will.

It is the will of God that all believers put their hope or confidence in God alone (Proverbs 3:5-6). Put your trust in God and relax (faith-rest in action) and do not depend on human power, resources or viewpoint. Confidence directed toward men or things is futile and blasphemous. Confidence toward God is built by progressive and systematic intake of Bible doctrine.

Only God is dependable and trustworthy. You alone have the right and capacity to know the will of God related to personal matter, you don't have to ask anybody. You alone are accountable for personal decisions and God will never send divine guidance for you through another person.

There are three types of the will of God related to man under the Plan of Grace:

Directive will of God: Refers to the revealed and clear-cut will of God in the Scripture directly commanded. These are direct instructions and mandates that require no immediate obedience when we attain the capacity. It is dangerous to disobey the directive will of God. This does not include the mystical personal dialogue with God of the cults.

Permissive will of God: Is when a man violated and disobeyed the directive will of God and allowed to go contrary to directive will of God as indication of human free will. Such permission is only a test of the human volition.

Over-ruling will of God: Is when God disallowed men to thwart His eternal divine will that always end in divine retribution of the disobedience. There are three categories of the will of God:

- The viewpoint will of God: What does God want me to think? (Isa. 55:7-9, 2 Cor. 10:5)
- The operative will of God: What does God want me to do?
- The geographical will of God: where does God want me to go?

There are three requirements for knowing the will of God and nobody can do without it.

- Bible doctrine in the soul (Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 3:1-6, Isaiah 58:11, Romans 12:2)
- Filling of the Holy Spirit and residence and function in the divine sphere (Rom. 6:13, 12:1-2, Eph. 5:17-18).
- Spiritual momentum toward spiritual maturity (2 Peter 3:18, James 4:6).

Precautionary principles:

- God has a plan for each one of us which He has provided through His Word to guide us.
- Too often believers are ignorant of the Word of God because they simply are arrogant and seek to live independent of God or they are distracted by the details of life.
- The essential foundation for discovering and doing God's will is devotion to God and a desire to do His will to please and glorify Him (Psalm 25:12, 2 Cor. 5:9).
- The responsibility of each of us as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ is to entrust our way to God for His guidance and direction (Prov. 3:5-6).
- The believer who does the will of God is one who is pleasing to the Lord, which involves discovering and doing what pleases the Lord by living in the light of the Word. Pleasing the Lord means doing His will (1 Thess. 2:4).
- The counsel and advices of pastors and Christian counselors without Bible doctrine in their souls are like receiving "wisdom" from the crystal ball.

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