

## Spiritual How-to's -

### How you can please the Lord

### Accepting God's will for your life

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#### Intro. Today, I want to begin with a story from my life

Saved...3 years w/ foot in both worlds...2 separate lives... Sun. & M-S  
Until I concluded that God could be trusted to direct and fulfill my life.  
Until I concluded that His will for my life was better than my will.  
Until I concluded that He indeed does know better than I do.  
Until I accepted God's will for my life & submitted my life to Him.

#### I. Learning to trust God's will for your life is a process, but it begins with a solid decision to do so.

**A. He is our maker** & therefore knows what makes us tick and how we work.

1. He then, as our manufacturer, know us best
2. Every talent, tendency & thirst, every preference, passion & petition
3. Who better to fulfill us, than the One who created us?

**B. And yet, that is exactly where we struggle – trusting the One who created us & His will for us.**

1. We think we will wind up doing something we hate, married to some loser, (or worse yet, single forever), in a country we can't stand.
2. We don't believe He can make us happy with the things that we really love.
3. That's what I thought, I loved music and thought that He would take music away from me & make me sit on some cloud somewhere, strumming a harp in some boring place – for eternity!

**C. We wrestle with thinking He could even use us.**

1. We doubt our "qualifications" & disqualify ourselves from pleasing Him.
2. We are our own worst critic, and boy, oh boy, do we sell ourselves (in God's hand) short.
3. Yet He not only chooses us, but has equipped us for everything that we will need to fulfill His will
4. He even increases us and guides us in growth as we walk in His will
5. Why are we so thick headed?
6. Yet, we are not the first in this struggle.

#### II. The greatest prophet of the OT doubted his ability and God's ability to use him.

God answers **Moses** doubts & refusals with 5 signs that HE is with him

**A. Here they are:**

1. What if they don't believe me? Ex. 4:1-9
  - throw the staff down...
  - put your hand in your cloak
  - pour the Nile's water on ground...
2. But I can't speak well v. 10
  - who has made your tongue, I'll (God) be with you
3. Please send someone else v. 13
  - THEN THE ANGER OF THE LORD ROSE AGAINST MOSES v. 14
  - There is Aaron, I will speak to you, you will relay it to him & he will speak to the people on our behalf

B. This is an amazing passage.

1. We see Moses' self doubt
2. We see God's responses & reassurances
3. We even see God's anger
4. We see God not relenting in His plan for Moses as His deliverer

C. **Let's look more closely at this Moses.**

1. Born to a Levite family, but an infanticide survivor Ex. 2:1
2. given up by his parents to the Nile 2:2
3. adopted by a princess 2:5
4. nursed by his biological mother & paid by his adopted mother 2:14
5. a murderer 2:14
6. fugitive 2:15
7. became a shepherd in his double life 3:1
8. married, had a son, father in law a priest 2:21-22; 3:1
9. angel appeared to him in a burning bush 3:2
10. from that bush, God talked to him 3:4
  - and calls him to go to Pharaoh 3:4
11. It is after all of this, that Moses says to God – "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" 3:11
12. And GOD GIVES MOSES THE REVELATION OF HIS NAME \_ I AM THAT I AM. 3:14
13. God then reveals His plan to use Moses as the deliverer from Egypt of the Israelites. 3:15-21
14. NOW we have Moses doubts & refusals that we spoke of earlier.

D. Moses was NOT the most confident of followers nor the quickest to obey

1. He has questions & doubts and delayed his obedience until he had answers
2. This may have been good for him, but it made God angry (not pleasing Him)
3. And yet, God did not change His plan for Moses, He simply confirmed it

E. Accepting God's call on your life is the most fulfilling and rewarding decision you will ever make.

### III. Others who questioned & doubted their call.

#### A. **Jonah** – Jon. 1:1-3

- a. Called to go to Nineveh, ran to Tarshish instead
- b. found God to be true to His word

#### B. **Gideon** Jud. 6:15-16

- a. He said to God, “I am too small”
- b. God said, I don’t care, I have chosen you and you are big enough for me

#### C. **Jeremiah** in chapter 1 verses 5-6

- a. Said, “I am too young”
- b. God told Him, says who?, I want YOU

### IV. God’s plan for your future is good, acceptable, perfect, & hopeful. Jer. 29:11; Rom. 12:2

#### A. **David** said, “I delight to do your will”. Psa. 40:8-9

#### B. **Jesus** said my food is to do your will. Jn. 4:34-35

#### C. Paul told the Ephesians, to understand what the will of the Lord is Eph. 5:17

#### D. Hebrews tells us that He has equipped us with everything good for doing His will Heb. 13:20-21

#### E. The OT prophet told us what the Lord requires of us – His will, if you will. Mic. 6:8

1. to do justly
2. to love mercy
3. to walk humbly with God

#### F. Again in Hebrews, it says, “that after we have done His will... we will receive what He has promised.” Heb. 10:36

### V. To accept His will for your life, is your highest calling. Happiness, satisfaction and purpose will be found in His will, not our own.

#### A. Delighting in Him and His will opens us up to His pleasure & acceptance

#### B. Accepting yourself for who you are, and submitting to Him will releases you to fulfill His will for your life

#### C. There is no greater purpose

#### D. You wanna know why you were put on Earth? Yield to His will for your life