

Come let us Grow Together: God's Will for your Life in the Word of God

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

When we ask God for help in prayer we must first remember this. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb 11:6) We are also instructed to "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:6-7) And we are not suppose to pray in repetitions. "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." (Matt 6:7) So to put this into perspective you desire God's will in your life and are seeking His direction. Here we see that when you come to God you must first exercise faith that you believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. You are then instructed to not be anxious when praying but every thing in prayer and thanksgiving letting your requests be known unto God. And not to pray in repetitions. This also will take away your stress as you are seeking God's will and trusting in Him for it.

On the other hand it is perfectly ok to think out a plan for example saying I would like to go to college and I plan to complete it. Etc. You are making a plan. But before you make any plans the scriptures say for us to do this: "Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." (James 4:13-15) Do you see how that works with what I said above with the scriptures and for your overall plan? This way you have made a plan but have said if the Lord will I will do this. So then you have prayed and asked according to His will recognizing that plans can change and God's will for you will be shown to you as you follow Him seeking that direction. Here is how you do that. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matt 6:33-34) See God knows what you have need of. Sometimes we think it is a need that we are seeking from the Lord and yet in reality it is actually only a desire that we ourselves want.

When you are seeking direction you must also be following the direction God has already given to you in His Word. Your first priority here is to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. The rest will be added to you. So you decide to make a plan for college but then you ask God if it's according to your will I would like to do this. And then you put your faith in God while you pursue His Word. Because God has revealed His will in His Word. "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thess 5:16-18) "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification,

that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.” (1 Thess 4:3-7) “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.” (2 Tim 2:15-16)

See how this works with first seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and the rest will be added unto you? You first had faith in God and sought His direction. You then make a plan that I would like to go to college Lord if it be your will. You then study the Word of God while applying God’s will in your life of which we saw that God desires us to be rejoicing evermore, praying without ceasing (meaning keeping a close communication with the Lord where He is always on your heart), and in everything giving thanks. This we are told IS THE WILL OF GOD as well as to KNOW HOW TO KEEP OURSELVES in sanctification and honor and to study the Word of God to show ourselves approved unto God. This is the direction for ALL CHRISTIANS!

So this is what you are to be doing. As for the college and other things you desire in life remember to always ask according to the Lord’s will and continue to grow in Christ and seeking after the Kingdom of God and His righteousness always. Because plans can change. And we can not do things by our own power or might or because we will it to happen. This IS NOT the correct way. “Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Zech 4:6) “So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.” (Rm 9:16)

Remember this also. “Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.” (Lk 12:27-29) “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” (Psa 37:23-25)

You hear God through learning His Word and knowing what it says. This doesn’t mean God won’t speak to you nor do I mean that you will not be led of God by His own way of teaching you. But you do not put your faith in your heart you put your faith in the Word of God because our hearts can’t be trusted. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jer 17:9-10)