

ALIGNING WITH THE WILL OF GOD

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INTRODUCTION:

Nothing is more important than aligning ourselves with the will of God. **PS. 127:1** This verse says it's futile to build or protect what's built without considering God's will and perspective. Whether it's a house, a city, a church, family or nation, it's important to consult with God first. Paul is a perfect example of someone who was acting outside God's will. Then Jesus met up with him and the rest is history. God's will for us in 2023 is to align ourselves with His priorities. He wants us to experience greater intimacy with Him, to bask in the glory of His presence, to exalt Jesus in our midst and to prepare ourselves for His coming (**EPH. 5:25-27**). God wants us to align ourselves with His will.

God's word Reveals His Will

- 1.) Be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (**1 TIM. 2:4**).
- 2.) Be spirit-filled (**ACTS 19:1-2**).
- 3.) Maintain a spirit-filled life (**EPH. 5:17-20**).
- 4.) Be water baptized (**MT. 28:19**).
- 5.) Be prayerful (**LUKE 18:1**).
- 6.) Live by faith (**ROM. 1:17**).
- 7.) Be a witness (**ACTS 1:8**).
- 8.) Love God totally (**MARK 12:30**).
- 9.) Be spirit-led (**ROM. 8:14**).
- 10.) Worship in spirit and truth (**JOHN 4:24**).
- 11.) Support His Work (**MAL. 3:8-11**).

Jesus Revealed God's Will - **JOHN 6:38, PHIL. 2:5-8**

- 1.) Be humble (**JAMES 4:6**).
- 2.) Be obedient (**JOHN 14:21**).
- 3.) Walk in love (**JOHN 15:13**).
- 4.) Be a servant (**MARK 10:45, ROM. 1:1 MSG**).
- 5.) Be a follower (**MT. 16:24-27**).
 - A.) Deny ourselves of living independent of God. Selfishness brought down Lucifer, angels, Adam and it will cause the fall of everyone who follows it.
 - B.) Take up our cross daily means to submit our will to God. Jesus at the rock is our example.
 - C.) Follow Me means change our direction, transformation, like Naaman. At first, he followed his way of thinking When he changed directions, he got healed.
 - **MT. 4:19** Fill in the blank: "I will make you _____!"
 - **1 COR. 15:10** Saul the destroyer became Paul the builder.
 - We all have a seed within that longs to germinate and reach its full potential. We can ignore it, or we can attend to it. It's our choice

Conclusion: How aligned are we with God's will as individuals and as a church? What adjustments must we make in order to be more aligned with God's will? Are we willing to do our part so God can do His? **1 COR. 2:9-10 NLT**.