

Jan 12, 2020
<i>This Weeks Events</i>
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)—Sunday School—Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)—Message— <i>Avenge Not Yourselves</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>NO EVENING SERVICE</i> —Pastor
<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Feb 2, 2019 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)—Shut In Saints—Matthew Coale

Finding the Will of God



Ron Coale

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:17)

What is the greatest place a Christian can be? What is the greatest activity a Christian can do? The answer to both of these questions is the WILL OF GOD. George Truett said, "To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge. To do the will of God is the greatest accomplishment." David Livingstone said, "I'd rather be in the heart of Africa in the will of God than on the throne of England outside the will of God."

God has a plan and design for your life. You are not a leaf that fell by chance to be scattered by an autumn's wind. Scripture says the steps of a good man are "ordered" by the Lord. Much of the will of God is wrapped up in becoming the Christian we ought to be. If we are being the Christians we should be, we will be doing what we should do and end up where we ought to end up.

The popularity of horoscopes, palm readers, Dear Abby, Ann Landers etc. show that people want guidance. In the Bible one king randomly chose an arrow for direction. Another king looked in the liver for direction. Several times in Scripture lots were cast. God has used many ways to guide throughout the Bible—dreams, visions, angels, pillars of clouds, fire and stars.

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God's will is not running out of gas in front of a Chinese restaurant and thinking God wants you to be a missionary to China. It is not a treasure hunt or traumatic experience. God's will is not always difficult to find. God wants us to know His will even more than we want to know it.

The word of God has already told us much of the specifics of God's will. A few examples follow:

- Read the Bible daily (Joshua 1:8)
- Pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Be faithful in church (Hebrews 10:25)
- Witness (2 Timothy 4:2)
- Live a holy life (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- Marry a Christian (Amos 3:3)
- Rear children for God (Proverbs 22:6)
- Tithe (Malachi 3:9-10)
- Be separated from the world (1 John 2:15)
- Children, obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1)

As more of God's commands are revealed to you, do them immediately. God will not reveal more of His will to you until you practice what He has already shown you. Once a Christian obeys all he has learned, God will reveal more to him. Following are some helps in obeying and doing God's will.

Be careful about cutting out or substituting any Christian activities you are now performing. The first step to backsliding is to cut a string such as not attending a certain church service, dropping out of the choir, bus route, or Sunday school class. **BE CAREFUL!** Keep so many strings on you that it would be hard to backslide.

You will never know God's will for your life until you lose your own will. "I've always wanted to be..." "I've always wanted to live..." When we can sing the songs, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" and "I want to do thy will O Lord—I want to do thy will O Lord—Take me, break me, mold me, and make me—I want to do thy will, O Lord," that is when God will bless us.

Have you ever totally and sincerely yielded your plans and future to God? Have you ever presented your life totally to God to use in any way He desires? What does God want you to be? A missionary, pastor, missionary nurse, bus driver, Sunday school teacher, bus worker, choir member, Christian school-teacher?

Abe Lincoln was diligently studying one day when a friend asked if he thought he would one day be President. He replied, "I aim to study and be prepared for whatever God has planned for me." God has room in His service for the Christians who are prepared.

2 Timothy 3:17, "That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished

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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2018 Fact Sheet

Pregnancy & Abortion

(Unless otherwise noted, statistics from the Alan Guttmacher Institute)

- Advocates estimate that since 1973 (*Roe v. Wade*), more than 59 million legal abortions have occurred. Even before *Roe v. Wade*, abortion was legal upon request in Washington State. (*National Right to Life*)
- Nationally, more than 1 in 5 pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.
- One in 10 American women will have an abortion by age 20, one in four by age 30, and three in 10 by age 45.
- Non-Hispanic white women account for 39% of abortions, non-Hispanic black women for 28%, Hispanic women for 25% and women of other races for 9%.
- Nationally, 30% of women obtaining abortions identify as Protestant and 24% identify as Catholic.
- *In 2017, for the 8th consecutive year, Washington State was ranked as the least protective state in the nation of women and children against abortion industry abuses. (Americans United for Life)*
- Washington does not have any major types of abortion restrictions - such as waiting periods, mandatory counseling or ultrasound, mandated parental involvement or limitations on publicly-funded abortions - that are often found in other states. (*Americans United for Life*)
- Current Washington State statistics indicate roughly 11% of abortion clients were 19 years of age or younger; 56% were in their 20's; 29% were in their 30's; and 4% were aged 40 years+. Nationwide, 12% of abortions were performed on adolescents (17 years of age and younger) and 61%

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HELP US SAVE A LIFE!

Volunteer

Advocacy, Events, Cleaning, Building

Donate Supplies

for our Baby Boutique or Mommas

Give Financially

Help Us Love More People To Jesus

"I praise you,
for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made."

- Psalm 139:14

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Washington State Capital @ Noon

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on women in their 20s. (Washington State Department of Health, Guttmacher Institute)

- In 2014, 75% of women obtaining abortions were poor or low-income 49% of women obtaining abortions have incomes below 100% of the federal poverty level; 26% have incomes between 100-199% of the federal poverty level.

Reasons American women give for having an abortion:

- 75% cite concern or responsibility for other individuals
- 75% say they cannot afford a child
- 75% say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or the ability to care for other dependents
- 50% say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner

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Youth Issues: Pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Diseases & Sex Trafficking

- Nearly 41% of U.S. high school students have had sexual intercourse. (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
- The United States has the highest teen birth rate of any developed country. 3/10 teens get pregnant before age 20, and nearly 230,000 babies were born to teen girls aged 15-19 in 2015. (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, WA State Department of Health, thenationalcampaign.org)
- In 2014, 14% of all teen births were to teens who already had a child.
- Adolescents age 15-24 account for nearly half of the 20 million new sexually transmitted disease (STD) cases each year. 20% of teen girls who had only one sexual partner have at least 1 STD, and over 50% of girls with 3+ partners have one or more STD. (*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention*)
- Washington is ranked 18th in the nation for its teen pregnancy rate. (1 is best, 50 is worst) (thenationalcampaign.org)
- Only 38% of teen girls who have a child before age 18 get a high school diploma. Daughters of teen moms are 3 times more likely to become teen mothers themselves. (thenationalcampaign.org)
- According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), 100,000 to 293,000 children are in danger of becoming sexual commodities. (*Washington State Office of the Attorney General*)
- Traffickers/pimps find victims through social networks, at neighborhood hang-outs, on the Internet and even at school. They lure their victims through promises of protection, adventure, opportunity, a home, and love. (*Shared Hope International*)
- The common age for a child to enter sex trafficking is 11-16. Traffickers use fear, violence, intimidation, and threats to ensure compliance and meet demands. (*Shared Hope International Washington State Office of the Attorney General*)
- Conservative estimates suggest that over 70,000 men bought children for sex acts in Washington in 2010. Prostituted youth are often required to fill a quota of five to 15 "customers" per night.
- After exploitation begins, the average life span of a victim is reported to be 7 years. They are frequently found dead from attack, abuse, HIV and other STDs, malnutrition, overdose, or suicide. (*Ark of Hope for Children*)

Statistics are compiled from the credible sources mentioned. Some statistics are hard to ascertain and may be estimated by local and/or regional sources.

PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
1044.	Pastor	God's will for his life.
1047.	Dee	Clear vision to make the game for kids on her heart.
1048.	Wally	Shirley healing and peace.
1053.	Melody	Grandson healing.
1054.	Pastor	Recovery for Mark's brother
1055.	Pastor	To get stronger physically
1056.	Pastor	PRAISE for Melody's successful surgery.

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unto all good works.”

God can use a furnished (prepared) Christian faster than one who is unfurnished. Moses prepared 40 years for a 40 years ministry. Jesus prepared 30 years for a 3-year ministry. The disciples prepared 3 years for their ministry! Prepare!

God chose Gideon to lead Israel in victory against the Midianites. Gideon doubted God's Word and asked for God to give him a sign. So he laid out a fleece and asked that it be dry, but the ground wet in the morning. God did it. Then Gideon asked God that the fleece be wet, but the ground dry. God also did that. This sign was not needed. God had already commanded Gideon to lead. An immature Christian asks for signs. Sad to say, some Christians have made life-changing decisions by simple things such as if it rained or not. How sad when we have God's precious Word to seek. DO NOT ask God for additional teaching where His Word is clear. You do not pray about tithing, soul-winning, or being separate from the world. It is already answered in the Bible. Some have resorted to opening the Bible and pointing to a verse for an answer. That is like the guy who opened the Bible to three different places. Each time he didn't like what he saw. They came to him in this order:

☞ “Judas went out and hanged himself,”

☞ “Go and do likewise,”

☞ “What thou doest, do quickly”

HOW DANGEROUS!

Much of life is discussed in the book of Proverbs. It is pure, easily digested wisdom. Pick the Proverb for the day, (there are 31 chapters) and read it, slowly. If it is the 15th day of the month, read Proverbs 15.

When making major decisions, a wise Christian always seeks counsel.

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Seek the counsel of your pastor. He knows you and may offer unique insight that you have not considered.

Several years ago, a policeman put on a regular tie with his uniform instead of the clip-on kind he usually wore. He thought nothing of it. While routinely giving out a traffic ticket that day, a person grabbed his tie and strangled him with it. A clip-on tie would have pulled off. A seemingly insignificant decision may have devastating results!

Life is a culmination of every decision-which clothes to wear, what to eat, what to buy, who to have as friends, what to read, who to marry, and where to work. Much of life has been the decisions which led us to where we are!

Jesus constantly told the Father, "not My will but Thine be done." He bathed His decisions in prayer. Before choosing His disciples, He prayed all night long! How flippant we are at making big decisions!

If every Christian were doing God's will, every person on earth would hear the gospel. When a Christian does not do God's will, people eventually go to Hell. How sad for someone to live their entire life and never fulfill the purpose for which they were created! 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

There is a court house in a western state where rain that falls on one side of the roof flows into the St. Lawrence and Mississippi rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. Rain falling on the other side goes into Lake Erie and then the Atlantic Ocean. It takes one puff of wind to separate drops of water by 3,000 miles! One decision can draw us nearer to God or remove us from God's will into a backslidden state. How sacred is His wonderful will! Let us accomplish His will in our lives! ~

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