

“STEWARDING GOD’S WILL” (Part 2)

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Reminder: In this series, we are placing a special emphasis on *service* and *responsibility*—**our responsibility in serving God in the sphere of influence He has placed each one of us in.**

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is **required** in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful *is* **He** that calleth you, **Who** also will do it.

Whatever God calls you to do, remember that He is faithful to give you the grace to do it. Seek to be a faithful steward of God.

MAKE A COMMITMENT: WILL YOU COMMIT TO DOING WHATEVER GOD WILL SAY TO YOU IN THIS MESSAGE?

† **Stewarding God’s Will**

Premise: When we understand the will of God as revealed in His Word, we will begin to understand the will of God for our lives.

**When we are *irresponsible* with the WORD
of God**



**we will be *irresponsible* with the
WILL of God.**

Consider the marks of one who does the will of God.

- I. They are marked by **salvation** (1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9)
- II. They are marked by being **Spirit-filled** (Ephesians 5:18)

Paul commands the believer to live continually under the influence of the Holy Spirit. This is done by letting the Word of God *saturate* them, pursuing pure lives of *sanctification* through confessing all known sin, dying to self (*sacrificing* self), surrendering to God’s will in *submission*, and depending on His *strength* in all things.

III. They are marked by saturation (Colossians 3:16)

God's Word should *saturate* our lives. In order to be faithful stewards of God's *will* we must be faithful stewards of God's *Word*.

the more we know the WORD of God



the more we will know the MIND of God

A. The needs for *deliberate* saturation—meditation (James 1:21-25)

B. There needs to be *disciplined* study—memorization (2 Tim. 2:15).

IV. They are marked by _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

“For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification,...” – This word “*sanctification*,” speaks of being pure or _____.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But as **He** which hath called you is holy [*set apart from sin*], so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **16** Because it is written, “Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Our prayer should be...

Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in **Thy** sight, O **LORD**, my **Strength**, and my **Redeemer**.

Our *sanctification*—being set apart from sin—begins in our mind.

V. They are marked by _____ (1 Peter 2:13-15)

VI. They are marked by Godly _____ (1 Peter 3:14-17)

The fear of God should drive out the fear of man.

1 Peter 4:16 Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian [*living a Christ-honoring life*], let him not be ashamed [*embarrassed*]; but let him glorify **God** on this behalf.

To “*suffer as a Christian*” speaks of suffering as a direct result of living a Christ-honoring life.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live **Godly** in **Christ Jesus** shall suffer persecution.

As a Christian, living a Godly life in an ungodly world, you will suffer persecution.

VII. They are marked by _____ Christ (Ephesians 6:6)

VIII. They are marked by _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice [*full of cheer*] in the **Lord** alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

IX. They are marked by _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Continual communication with the Father is of utmost importance.

X. They are marked by _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew **God**, they glorified *Him* not as **God**, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Psalm 37:4 Delight thyself also in the **LORD**; and **He** shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

“Delight thyself also in the LORD;...” – Diligently seek to find your happiness in the Lord. The process of *“delighting in the LORD”* is the process of learning to love Him supremely.

Matthew 22:37 **Jesus** said unto him, “Thou shalt love the **Lord** thy **God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

Remember that a **supreme love** for God is marked by a love that is *exclusive, whole-hearted, and dependent*.

When we *“delight in the LORD,”* He will change our desires. As we submit to God, being *submitted* to His Spirit and *saturated* with His Word, He will give us the right desires. He leads us as we obey His clearly revealed will.

Conclusion: God has clearly revealed in His will for each of us in His Word. When we are faithful in our walk of obedience to His clearly revealed will, He directs our path, changing the desires of our heart. Learn to be submitted to God’s Spirit, being Spirit-filled, by being saturated with His Word. Surrender your will to His will and allow Him to have His way in your life.

What is my next step?

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