

John # 151 “I’m Blind, So What’s To Live For?” *John 9:1-12; Acts 11:1-16*

With their provocative question, the disciples are relating back to their early Rabbinical training in Hebrew school which stated that it was possible for a fetus to sin but Jesus quickly clarifies this situation.

The disciples were hung up on negative explanations and Jesus shows them a positive reason for this level of affliction.

Jesus sees this as an opportunity, not a catastrophe, an opportunity for this man neglected by the masses as worthless to confound those same detractors with the caliber of power, grace and inner dynamics that most people never even dream of.

Three Categories of the will of God:

1. The Viewpoint will of God is what does God want me to think?

2. The Operational will of God is what does God want me to do?

3. The Geographical will of God is where does God want me to go?

To look into means to weigh the matter carefully because subjective emotional thinking clouds clear reasoning.

God always leads in compliance with His Word, He never leads contrary to the Word. *Basically, understanding God’s will comes through His Word but His Word must be inside our human spirit to be applied, for only biblical truth in the human spirit can be applied to our experience.*

The Word comes into the mind as if it were a staging area or launching pad but don’t stop there.

We should always test providential circumstances; they must not conflict with statements, doctrines and principles of the Word of God; laying out fleeces today is OUT!

The Gentile parallel phenomenon of Pentecost in Jerusalem confirmed the fact that Gentile believers were just as much Church Age body of Christ as Jewish believers.

Peter remembered what Jesus spoke in *Acts 1:5*; his memory of Scripture contributed considerably to his knowing and doing the will of God, so as Peter remembered it at the proper time, he was guided by it.

In making a decision, a believer must be in experiential fellowship, exercising faith-rest for assured success.

The will of God often eliminates one thing to enable us to choose another.

After thinking the matter through using divine viewpoint making it easy for him to select pertinent biblical truth to apply, Moses made his decision with eternity’s values in view!

A full knowledge from residual biblical truth, the foundation of our soul structure is acquired through daily intake of the Word and only this results in spiritual maturity.

Determining God's will involves one step at a time and each step must be one of growth and advancement.

There are three major hindrances to doing the will of God: Ignorance, rebellion leading to carnality and lack of spiritual growth which means lack of edification within the soul.

The mature believer views his fellow man in terms of his soul and not his body.

Don't get the package confused with the ingredients.

In friendship, dating and marriage, do not link up with a beautiful package with nothing inside!

The blind man of John 9 illustrates the principle that all humanity is helpless and hopeless spiritually; Romans 3:23.

Remember, every 'body' has a soul.

Basically, the type of home we provide for our children reflects the type of children they will be.