

## **Knowing the Will of God**

Here's an email that I received this week.

*Maybe you can help me with 1 John 5:14, " ...that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*

*I don't get it. I mean, if I have to pray for the things that HE wants, then I don't need to be part of the equation. HE certainly doesn't need me to get what he wants. HE can just take it!!*

RE: 1 John 5:14

The question is not whether God knows what His will is for our lives, but do we? Our time of prayer is multi-faceted:

1. Indicating to God that we want His will in our lives, regardless of whether it is what we personally desire or not.
2. Requesting of God that He would reveal His will so that we can progress forward in knowledge and understanding of His will.
3. Acknowledging to God that without His guidance in our lives, we are lost and subject to our own finite wisdom and fallen nature to guide us, which we already know leads to disaster.
4. Submitting our will to His in all things.
5. Once we know His will, we proceed with understanding, confidence, and resolve - because there will always be obstacles to completing His will which we must anticipate and overcome without wavering emotionally or spiritually from the goal.
6. Once we know His will, then we know He will give to us everything we need to fulfill His will. Once again, we have the confidence to move forward through the obstacles by His strength and provision. This eliminates "second-guessing", "Monday morning quarterbacking", "looking over our shoulder", etc.

7. Satan DOES NOT want us to fulfill the will of God, because when we do, Satan is defeated in our lives and the realm of our influence. The usual way in which Satan gets us off-track is through "doubt". Read Gen. 3:1. Satan cast doubt in the mind of Eve with one question, "Did God really say . . ." That's all it took to get her and Adam off-track from fulfilling the will of God. We need to know God's will personally, so that when the enemy whispers to us, "Did God really say . . .", we can answer resoundingly "Yes, God did say that - and that settles it. This conversation is over!"
  
8. Read 1Jn. 5:14 - "This is the confidence we have . . ." - this is the issue at hand and the importance in knowing the will of God. WE need to be confident!

May God richly bless us all with the understanding of His will  
as we seek Him in prayer,

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