

get your questions on.

ASK THE PASTOR

Suggested Topics:

1. The Second Coming of Christ / Eschatology (End Times)
2. Worry
3. A Study on the OT Judges
4. Witnessing/ Evangelism
5. Brotherly Love
6. Dating
7. "How to fix relationships with people that are past the point of no return"
8. How should I respond when someone gossips about me?
9. What does the Bible say about conflicting rules set up by different authorities?
10. How can I be more faithful in my Devotions?

Specific Bible Questions:

1. God's Will and Finding It
2. What is our Purpose as a Christian?
3. What does the Bible say about dressing up for church?
4. Is Sunday School in the Bible?
5. Was there a physical weight from our sin on Jesus while He was on the cross?
6. What are your thoughts on Backsliders?
7. What is the benefit of celebrating the birth of Christ?
8. How old are you?

2. What is our Purpose as a Christian?

I. General purpose of human life.

A. Glorify God.

1. Fear God

2. Obey God

Solomon gives these concluding remarks in the book of Ecclesiastes:

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

David Wilkerson once said: "If I am not Christ-like at heart—if I'm not becoming noticeably more like Him—then I have totally missed God's purpose for my life. It doesn't matter what I accomplish for His kingdom. If I miss this one purpose, I have lived, preached and yes, striven in vain."

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20).

2. What is our Purpose as a Christian?

I. General purpose of human life.

A. Glorify God.

B. Fellowship with God

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." (Psalm 17:15).

In Philippians 3:9-10, Paul says that he wants nothing more than to know Christ and "be found in Him," to have His righteousness and to live by faith in Him, even if it meant suffering and dying.

2. What is our Purpose as a Christian?

II. Individual Purpose in life.

There are Scriptural examples of God's specific plans for individual. Abraham, Noah, Joseph, Ruth, Esther, Mary, and multiple others were used of God in their times, with their abilities, and for His purposes.



1. God's Will and Finding It

walking in GOD'S WILL

I. God works all things together to accomplish His Sovereign Will— which includes His glory and our good.

A. Scripture teaches that God works All things after the counsel of His will (Eph. 1:11)

B. Scripture teaches that God works all things together for our good and His glory (Rom. 8:28-29).

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II. God guides His children as they seek to make good choices and glorify Him in their lives - which is His will!

A. David believed this (Ps. 48:14)

Application: As one guides the horses and the chariots, so God guides our lives.

B. Solomon believed this (Prov. 3:5-6)

Application: If we trust in the Lord, He will order your paths.

C. Isaiah believed this (Isa. 58:11)

Application: We can be confident of continual guidance from our Great King!

D. Jesus believed this (John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38-40).

Application: As the father guided _____ - we too can be confident that God will guide us!

E. The early church believed this (Acts 13:2-3)

F. Paul believed this.

G. James believed this (James 4:15)

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III. The Key to determining God's Will for my life is the Scripture (Rom. 2:18).

A. Scripture teaches us God's will - this is implied in Romans 2:18.

B. The Scripture clearly contains God's moral will.

To violate the teaching of Scripture is sin (violating God's moral will).

C. The Scripture also guides us in making personal decisions.

D. If there is no specific verse that applies to a decision, we are to prayerfully apply general Biblical principles as we seek to determine what would most bring glory to God.

E. This is Biblical Decision making.



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IV. God's will is not mysterious!

**A. I don't find God's will by
looking for open doors.**

**B. I don't find God's will by
looking at circumstances.**

**C. I don't find God's will by
analyzing results.**

**D. I don't find God's will based
on my feelings.**

**E. I don't find God's will by
putting out a fleece.**

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**V.Step One: Do what you already
know to be God's will.**

**A.God's will is that we obey the
Scripture!**

**B.The way to know God's will in
the areas that are unclear is to
know God's will in the areas
that are clear!**



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VI. Step Two: Apply Biblical principles to the decision that you need to make.

A. Get More information.

B. Often, the decision will now be clear.

C. Question: How do you decide between choices that are all Biblical possibilities?

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I. Pray that God will make his desires your desires.

A. This is from the promise of Psalm 37:4- God works through your desires. - Don't start here!

B. This is also from Philippians 2:13 - God works though your desires. - Yet it is really God at work in us, bringing about His good pleasure.

C. Application for Biblical decision making right now.

1. By God's grace perform God's will now to the best of your ability.
2. Apply every Biblical truth possible to the decision. Do not rely on emotions, circumstances, or fleeces. Typically, you will arrive at the choice that most glorifies God.
3. If you are still left with a decision after seeking out more information and seriously considering the Scripture, cautiously and prayerfully do what you really want to do, claiming Psalm 37:4 and Phil. 2:13. God will make His will your will.

Case Study

1. Example Decision
 2. Are there Biblical Commands?
 3. Are there Biblical Principles that must be applied?
 4. Are there other factors that must be considered?
 5. Consider the Situation
 6. Obey the Bible
 7. How many Biblical options do you have left?
- Prayerfully Claim Psalm 37:4 and Philippians 2:13

3. What does the Bible say about dressing up for church?

Gen. 35:1-3 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: 3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

3. What does the Bible say about dressing up for church?

A brief Survey of Some Considerations about dress and Worship:

- 1. The holiness factor**
- 2. The first fruits factor**
- 3. The costliness factor**

We are to offer ourselves as a sacrifice of worship.

Believers are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

3. What does the Bible say about dressing up for church?

**A brief Survey of Some Considerations about dress and
Worship:**

1. James 2:13 - Do not judge

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.