

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Acts 9:1-6

INTRODUCTION: If you could stand face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ, what question do you think you would like to ask Him first? Would it possibly be the same question the Apostle Paul asked Him? Acts 9:5-6: "Lord I want to know Your will for my life. What would make my life a success in Your eyes?" How would we even define what success is in a life? How about "Success in a Christians life is nothing more or less than knowing God's will for your life and doing that?" "Lord what would you have me to do?" So many people not only do not know God's will for their lives, they do not even know that God has a will for their lives: Jeremiah 10:23.

I. FINDING TRUE SUCCESS IN YOUR LIFE!

When we as Christians talk about living a successful life we are always talking about knowing and doing the will of God in our lives. God will reveal His will to the Christian who desires to know His will: Acts 9:6. Our God has a plan for each of our lives: Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 37:23; Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 58:11; Proverbs 3:5-8. We serve a God Who controls all things. Our Savior is directing our footsteps and the Spirit of God within each of us impresses our hearts to both know and do the will of God: Philippians 2:13.

II. GOD'S WILL IN THREE FORMS!

Our God's will comes in three forms: First there is God's sovereign will. God's ultimate sovereign plan will be done! Deuteronomy 29:29. Some of the will of God we will never figure out: Romans 11:33-34. Second, God has a revealed will which applies to all of us. The Bible tells us things we should and should not do. God's revealed will can be learned by careful study of His Word. Then, third there is God's special will, His desire for your life. God had a special calling on the Apostle Paul's life: Acts 9:15; 2 Peter 3:9. Our God has a special will for each and every person. God's plan for each of us is not a road map, it is a relationship. Many people do not want to know the will of God for their lives because they see God as a killjoy and praise the Lord that is not true! Psalm 37:4; 1 Kings 19:11-12. God normally gives us His will in a still small voice. Are you listening? Joel 2:25; Psalm 32:8; Acts 9:6; John 7:17; Psalm 25:9; Romans 8:14. We must be totally submissive to our God and then He will reveal His good, acceptable, and perfect will to us: Romans 12:1-2.

III. SIX PRACTICAL WAYS GOD SPEAKS HIS WILL!

God may lead you to know His will as He did the apostle Paul through miracles, visions or dreams. This way of revealing His will has always been limited and must be checked out by other things. We may know the will of God by studying His Word. Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 2:15. God will also guide us to know His will through providence: Acts 9:23-25; 1 Corinthians 16:9. God also leads us by His Spirit: Acts 9:17; Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18. Our Lord will also use other people in your life to guide you: Acts 9:26-27; Ephesians 4:11-16; Proverbs 24:6. We have the wisdom of God to guide us: Acts 9:20-22; Ephesians 5:15-16. Wisdom is seeing life from God's viewpoint! Philippians 2:13.