

Jesus Loves Seattle
What is God's Will for My Life?
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Ephesians 1:1-14 NIV
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It's IN CHRIST that we find out WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE ARE LIVING FOR. -Ephesians 1:11a MSG

THREE Ways God Reveals His Will:

I. GOD REVEALS HIS WILL IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

"Your kingdom come, YOUR WILL BE DONE, on earth as it is in heaven." -Jesus, Matthew 6:10 NIV "My secret is very simple: I pray." -Mother Teresa "When I pray, coincidences happen; when I don't, they don't." -William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

THREE Ways God Reveals His Will:

II. GOD REVEALS HIS WILL IN THE BIBLE NARRATIVE.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for THIS IS GOD'S WILL for you in Christ Jesus." -Paul,

1 Thess. 5:18 NIV

"GOD'S WILL IS FOR YOU TO BE HOLY, so stay away from all sexual sin." -Paul, 1 Thess. 4:3 NLT

"... MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LORD'S WILL IS."

-Paul, Ephesians 5:15-20 NIV

"Do not be conformed to this world, but BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and PERFECT WILL OF GOD." -Paul,

Romans 12:2 NKJV

"For THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people." -Peter,1 Peter 2:15 ESV

"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR as yourself." -Jesus,

Matthew 22:37,39 NIV

"I WILL BLESS YOU WITH A FUTURE FILLED WITH HOPE – a future of success, not of suffering." -God, Jeremiah 29:11 CEV

"I've got my hand on this city TO SAVE IT." -God, Isaiah 37:35 MSG

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III. GOD REVEALS HIS WILL IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

THREE QUESTIONS That Test if it's *really* God's Will:

- (1) Is it in line with what THE BIBLEtells us?
- (2) Is it strengthening, comforting? Does it promote **LOVE**?
- (3) Do you feel a sense of GOD'S PEACE about it?

The Lord says, "I WILL GUIDE YOU along the best pathway for your life. I WILL ADVISE YOU and watch over you." -Psalm 32:8 NLT

THE Really BIG Question: Will you do whatever God asks you to do?