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How can I discern
God's will for my life?

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Will of Decree



“God knows all things and sovereignly superintends all things. God’s will of decree is absolute. It is from before the creation of the world. It is the ultimate determination over all things, and it cannot be overturned.”

-Kevin DeYoung

(Just Do Something, p. 21)

Will of Decree

Making known to us the mystery of **his will**, according to **his purpose**, which he set forth in Christ as a **plan** for the fullness of time, to **unite all things in him**, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been **predestined** according to **the purpose** of him who **works all things** according to the **counsel of his will**, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the **praise of his glory**.
(Ephesians 1:9-12)

Will of Decree

This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

(Acts 2:23)

For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

(Acts 4:27-28)

Will of Decree

For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'"

(Isaiah 46:9-10)

These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.

(Revelation 22:6)

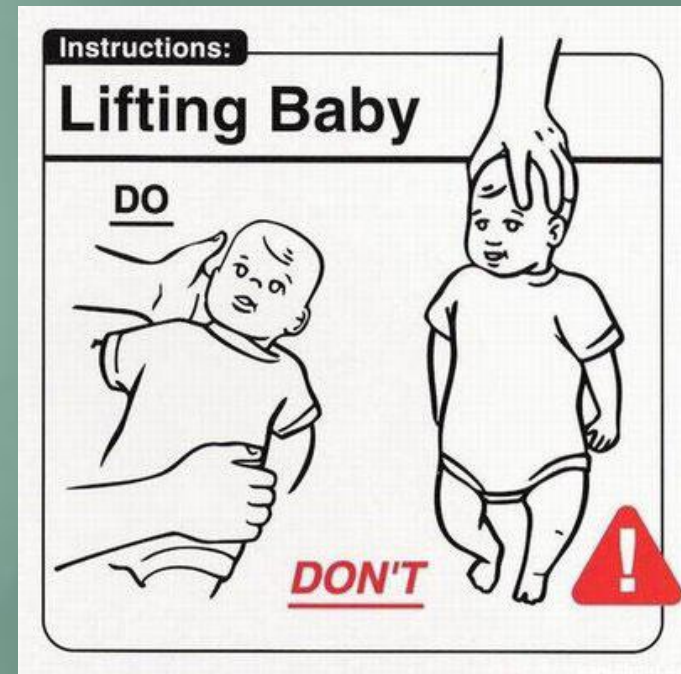


Will of Desire

The commands of God declaring what God desires from his creatures. A declaration of how things ought to be.

“Both sides of God’s will are in Scripture. God’s will of decree – what He has predetermined from eternity past – cannot be thwarted. God’s will of desire – the way He wants us to live – can be disregarded.”

-Kevin DeYoung (*Just Do Something*, p. 22)



Will of Desire

**Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
(Hebrews 13:20-21)**

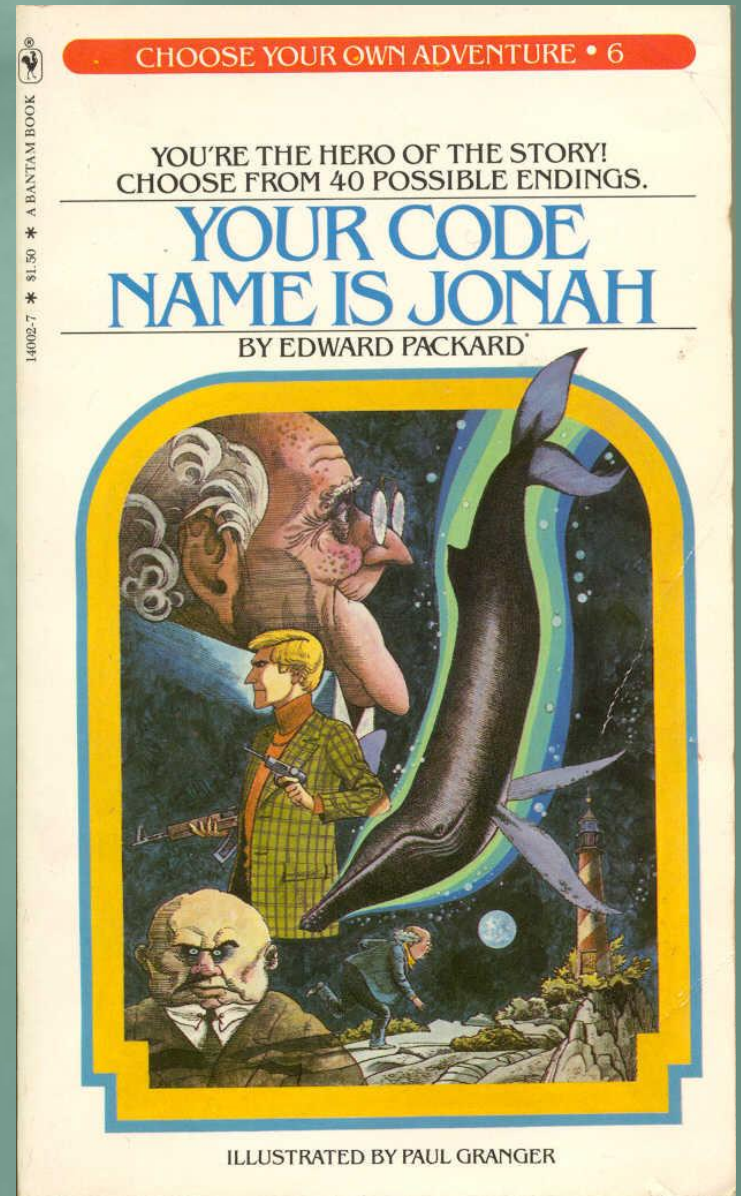
**For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;
(1 Thessalonians 4:3)**

Will of Desire and the Will of Decree



**The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.
(Deuteronomy 29:29)**

Will of Decision



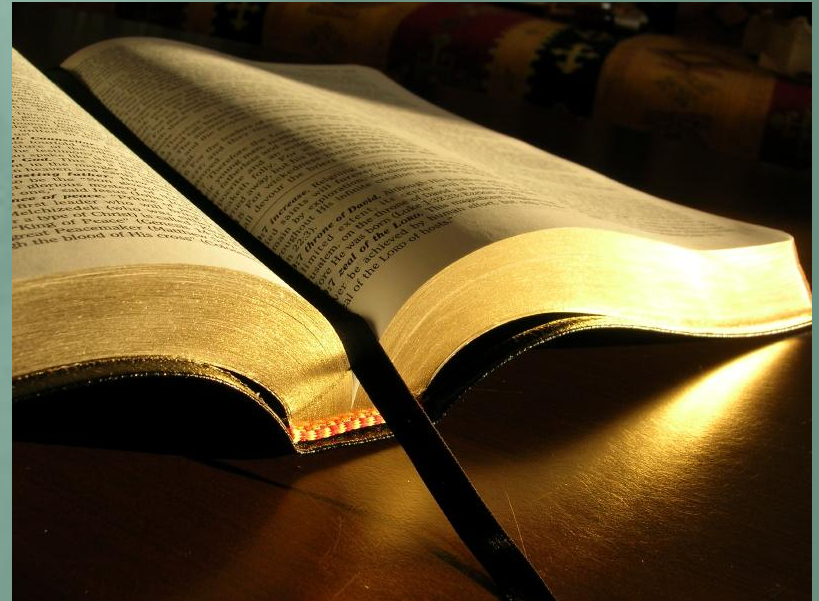
Will of Desire: Key to Will of Decision

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

(Romans 12:2)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

(Matthew 6:33)



What Should I Do?

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

(Ecclesiastes 12:13)

How to Make a Decision

1. Scripture

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness

(2 Timothy 3:16)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

(Psalm 119:105)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

(Matthew 24:35)

How to Make a Decision

2. Holy Spirit

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

(John 14:15-17)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

(1 Corinthians 3:16)

How to Make a Decision

2. Holy Spirit

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,
(John 16:13)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

(John 14:26)

How to Make a Decision

2. Holy Spirit

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

(Acts 16:6-8)

How to Make a Decision

3. Church

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

(Titus 1:9)

How to Make a Decision

4. Environment

But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

(1 Corinthians 16:8-9)

When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

(2 Corinthians 2:12-13)

How to Make a Decision

4. Environment

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they **stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city**, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered about him, **he rose up and entered the city**, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, **they returned to Lystra** and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

(Acts 14:19-22)

How to Make a Decision

1. Scripture
2. Holy Spirit
3. Church
4. Environment



Job/Major

1. Scripture

1. Don't do something that contradicts Scripture
2. Should we even get a job? YES!

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.
(2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)

Job/Major

1. Scripture

3. Provide for you family

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:8)

4. Beware of the love of money

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

Job/Major

2. Holy Spirit

-Are you praying?

3. Church

-Is there a healthy, bible believing church in the area?

-Is there an opportunity to serve?

4. Environment

Marriage/Relationships

The “one” – Not biblical

1. Scripture

-Between one man and one woman.

-Who should you marry?

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14)

Marriage/Relationships

2. Spirit

- Pray
- Don't let your emotions and feelings deceive you

3. Church

- Talk to your mentor, friend
- Someone objective to the relationship

4. Environment

- Is distance a problem?

Make A Decision

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

(John 10:2-3)

Just Do Something!!!!

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