

The Knitting News

"that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,"
Colossians 2:2

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How Do I Know if This is God's Will?

Finding God's will isn't always as easy as we think it should be. When we are faced with decisions like should we buy this car or which school should I go to we find ourselves asking questions like, "How do I know what God wants me to do?" And, "How can I know if this is God's will for me?" David asked in Psalm 143, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

Some of us look for signs as God used with His people in the Old and New Testaments. God did use outward physical signs as a way to communicate His will in this way. The people of the Old and New Testaments looked to the prophets and divine acts to know the will of God in their lives, but what about today? Do we need to look for signs to know His will? This way of communicating was the way God chose before the completion of the Word of God. Today we look to His revealed Word as the way to know and understand His will.

Some of us find God's will using our feelings and experiences. A well known Christian author says in one of his books, "I firmly believe that God whispers to you too. If you lower the ambient noise of your life and listen expectantly for those whispers of God, your ears will hear them. And when you follow their lead, your world will be rocked." The problem with finding God's will this way is that it is subjective. It relies on our own thoughts or intuition, our feelings which can never be trusted, and our experiential knowledge which may lead us away from rather than to God. The only way to know God's will for sure is through the objective revealed Word of God.

David said, "Teach me to do your will," so as we read and study His Word through the power of the Holy Spirit we learn more about God, His nature and character. As we learn more of His nature and character according to the Scriptures we gain godly wisdom and knowledge and are then more able to discern His will for our lives.

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Did you know



*You can find The Knitting News on the WBF website, <http://wbfva.org/womensministries.html>

*Kelly Kuvakas is now a part of the Women's Ministry Team

*Robin Ariola is our Meals Ministry Coordinator, robin@hereforyouvirtually.com

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Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:1-2

Set aside April 28

because -- we women are RE-TREATING - right here at WBF --> for a special time of worship, learning, and growing together! This special, newly designed "retreat" format is designed so that expense and time won't keep YOU from getting to know and spend time with your sisters in Christ in a more intimate setting. Details coming soon. **Save the date!**



Woman to Woman Happenings

Classes Offered

Unpacking Forgiveness by Chris Brauns. Sun. Ladies Class taught by Dee Gross

We will not be offering a mid-week Bible study for the winter session.

We encourage you to join the Precepts class. They will begin Hebrews Part 2 with Betty Aiello in the fellowship hall. It is not required

that you have taken part one to join this group.

Ladies Breakfast Mark your calendars

Feb. 11th at Meg Young's house. Diane Lowery will share her testimony with us.

5865 University Ct. Bring a dish to share
Warrenton, VA 20187
540-878-5431
8:30-10:30 AM





Hands and Hearts



Our Luncheon Coordinator is Emma Sachs:)

Our Meals Ministry Coordinator is Robin Ariola:)

Thank you ladies for serving.

The LORD bless you, and keep you;

*The LORD make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;*

*The LORD lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.'*

Numbers 6:24-26

Three Crucial Aspects of Confirming God's Will by John Piper

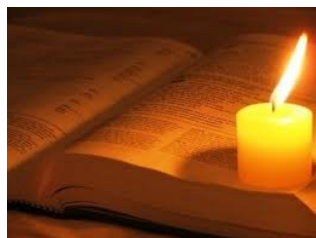
We can see this most clearly in [Romans 12:2](#). As Paul makes the great turn from the weighty theological matters of chapters 9–11 to the practical considerations of chapters 12–15, he says right at the outset that the basic means of doing the will of God is a mental ability to prove or confirm what is the will of God. "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

This verse shows us at least three crucial things about confirming what the will of God is.

First it shows us that the will of God must be "proved," that is, it must be examined and verified and embraced. ". . . that you may prove what the will of God is . . ."

The *second* thing it shows us is that this examining and verifying and accepting is done by the Christian mind: "Be transformed in the renewal of your mind, that you may prove . . ." It is the mind of the Christian that does the proving of the will of God.

Third, it shows us that for this to happen the mind must be renewed. "Be transformed in the renewal of your mind, that you may prove . . ." Ordinary human thinking will not be able to examine and verify and embrace the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



How Can We Be Transformed in Our Minds? J. Piper

How then shall we be transformed in this way? How can we make our minds new so that we don't think the way the world thinks but the way God thinks about what is good and bad, helpful and harmful, beautiful and ugly, true and false? Let me point you to four biblical steps.

1. Recognize Your Need for Renovation

Recognize that you are in need of a deep renovation of the mind.

[Ephesians 4:17–18](#) describes what we are all like apart from this renovation. "Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart."

The reason I said we need a deep renovation of the mind is because the root of our futile thinking goes down deep into the hardness of our heart. If you follow Paul's thought backwards up from the root of hard-heartedness to the terrible fruit of futility, it goes like this: hardness of heart gives rise to blameworthy ignorance, which gives rise to alienation from God, which gives rise to a pervasive darkness of understanding, which gives rise to incredible uses of the human mind in the service of futility. When the heart is out of love with God, the mind knows not what it is for. It stumbles like a genius in the dark along a precipice of destruction. Can you think of anything more tragic and painfully ironic than thousands of brilliant men and women of intellect hearing the final sentence: "Your thinking was futile; I never knew you."

So the first step in the renewal of our minds is to recognize the need for deep renovation of heart and mind.

2. Depend on the Holy Spirit

The second step to a renewed mind that proves the will of God is to depend on the Holy Spirit.

Paul says in [Titus 3:5](#) that "God saved us not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit." The renewing agent is the Holy Spirit. We cannot make ourselves new. It is a supernatural divine work of God's Spirit. It is just as wonderful as the Spirit's revelation in the gift of prophecy. And it is more wonderful than prophecy because Satan can copy prophecy in soothsaying and sorcery, but Satan cannot copy the renewal of the mind in righteousness and holiness. The main work of the Holy Spirit is not to give us prophecies about the will of God but to change us into new, holy people who know and love the will of God. So the second step to mental newness is to depend on the Holy Spirit. Humbly rely on him and not yourself. (*Look for reasons 3 and 4 in the March edition*)