

Motivation For Living: To Do God's Will 4096

I. Personal Quest:

- A. Looking for a *challenge*, something that would involve *commitment, sacrifice, effort*
- B. Testimony of Jesus
His *overruling motive* was to *do the will of God*.
- C. Ps. 40:6–8—Prophetic *picture of* Jesus in His eternal nature. Prophetic *declaration of* motivation that brought Jesus down to earth.
God unerringly discerns our motives and deals with us according to them.
- D. Eph. 2:10—God has *foreordained* the *good works* we are to walk in.
- E. Heb. 10:5–10—The *will of God* led to the *sacrifice* of Jesus on the cross.

II. Doing God's Will: A Primary Theme In The Gospel Of John

- A. John 4:27–35—Jesus' *food* was to do God's will and finish His work.
 - 1. Doing the will of God is a source of *supernatural vitality*.
 - 2. See 2 Cor. 4:16—outward decay . . . inward renewal. As Christians we must learn to live by an inner source of strength and vitality.
- B. vs. 35—Jesus could see (the harvest) what the disciples could not see, because Jesus was *united with the will of God*.
 - 1. If we are not committed to do the will of God, we remain *spiritually blind* to realities of situations.
 - 2. Often we are unable to *see* correctly because we project *wishful thinking* into the situation
 - 3. Commitment to the will of God “lifts the veil” and enables us to see things that other people don't see
- C. John 5:30—Jesus's judgment was accurate because He did not seek to please himself, but the One who sent him
- D. John 6:38—(In line with Ps. 40). Jesus *came down* from heaven to do God's will
- E. John 17:4—Jesus' motivation was not merely to *do* the will of God, but to *finish* it
- F. John 19:28–30—(Final Example: “It is finished”). The one overruling motive of everything Jesus did as every point in His life was to do the will of God and finish it.
 - 1. His work was perfectly perfect.
 - 2. The *triumph* of Jesus on the cross.
 - 3. Nothing more left to do.
 - 4. In an hour of agony and apparent defeat.
 - 5. Jesus knew *total victory*, because of His commitment to do the will of God.

III. Testimony Of Paul

- A. Acts 20:24—*Same motivation* as that of Jesus—to *finish* the race, *complete* the task
- B. Philip 3:10—*Total commitment*—sharing in Christ's *sufferings*
- C. 2 Tim. 4:6–7—The only offerings that God will ultimately accept are those that are accompanied by the *drink offering* of *our own life poured out*. In order to *keep the faith* we must *fight the fight*.
- D. Doing *God's will* in the midst of *unstable situations*

Example: Living in Israel

- E.** 1 John 2:15–17—Do not love the “world”—the “present human order.” The man who does the will of God *abides* forever.
- F.** Heb. 12:26—God will shake everything that can be shaken. We can remain unshakable in the midst of a shaking world situation by being united with the will of God
- G.** John 7:17—We must first *do* and then *know*—not by intellectual reasoning but by commitment. Commitment is the key that unfolds the will of God in our life.
- H.** Rom. 12:1–2—Present your body a *living sacrifice* . . . *then* you will prove the perfect will of God.

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