

**3 Ways You Miss God's Will
God, Just Tell Me – Part 4
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**Four Aspects of God's Will
God's Sovereign Will
God's Moral Will
God's Permissive Will
God's Personal Will**

God's will is more about a WHO than a DO.

**Four Ordinary Ways God Directed Paul
Open Doors
Closed Doors
Frustrated Plans
Everyday Choices**

If you want to know God's will, you need to know God's heart.

Three Common Traps

1. We over-spiritualize God's will.

Matthew 12:38-39 (NIV) *"Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to Him, 'Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.' ³⁹ He answered, 'A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.'"*

We're asking for an open door when we still have a closed Bible.

James 1:5 (NIV) *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."*

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

2. We overanalyze God's will.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."*

The more we analyze, the less we obey.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

Proverbs 3:6 (NASB) *"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

Proverbs 3:6 (KJV) *"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."*

yada: to know deeply, relationally, and experientially

Genesis 4:1 (KJV) *"And Adam **knew** Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord."*

Genesis 4:1a (NIV) *"Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain."*

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV) *"For we live by faith, not by sight."*

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB) *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."*

2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV) *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."*

You'll never fulfill your calling if fear gets the final vote.

3. We assume that hard means wrong.

If it's hard, this must not be God's will.

1 Peter 3:17 (NIV) *"For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil."*

You can't walk in God's will if you're disobeying God's Word.

Romans 8:13 (NIV) *"For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live."*

John 3:30 (NASB) *"He must increase, but I must decrease."*

John 3:30 (NIV) *"He must become greater; I must become less."*

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

If you're looking for easy, you're not looking for Jesus.

Reflection Questions

- **Where are you waiting for a sign when God has already given you a step?**
- **Where are you overthinking and need to grow in faith?**
- **Where is God calling you to trust Him enough to risk something?**

Psalms 37:4 (NIV) *"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."*

**anag: to be soft or pliable, to take delight,
to find joy, to deeply enjoy**

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) *"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."*

The best way to know God's will is to know His heart.