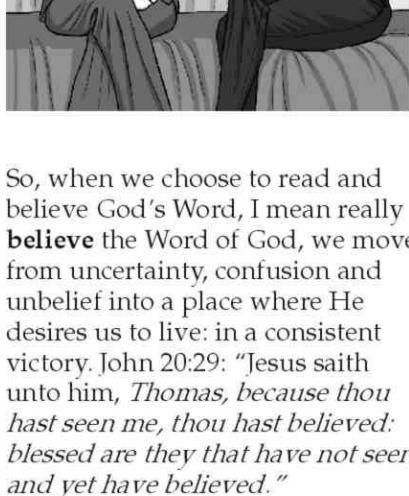




This tract focuses on the meaning of the term WILL OF GOD and how we understand it.



Yes, my dear, you are right to take this matter seriously! And of course I understand your concern.

Yet I am sure from what you say that you have been prompted by hearing God's Word, meaning that God has spoken to you. 2 Peter 3:9 says: *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

So, when we choose to read and believe God's Word, I mean really **believe** the Word of God, we move from uncertainty, confusion and unbelief into a place where He desires us to live: in a consistent victory. John 20:29: *"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."*

Matthews 9:29: "According to your faith be it unto you."



What I am saying in this tract amounts to this: **If Christ is the Living Lord of my life, my encounter with Him will show me his Will for my life.** Our belief in God is what will govern our actions, and ultimately enable us to reach the heavenly destiny that God has for you and me. We then become what we believe, by focusing our belief on God's Word. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

Not all do the will of our Father. He says so. "Not everyone will enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Why? Because not all do the Will of God.

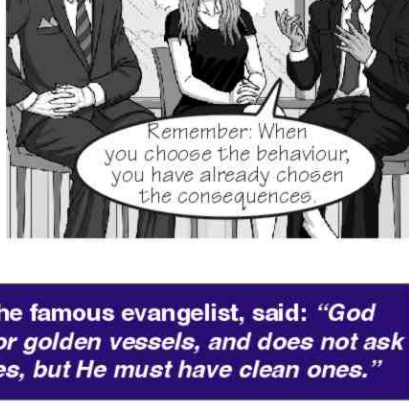


Basic #1: Become a clean vessel

God has to get us ready to hear his Word, which is his clear direction for our life!

And so, when I say become a clean vessel, that's what we need to have, when we're asking to know his Will. So when I ask for God's Will in my life, I can't be messing around, tolerating any willful sin in my life.

We can't ask God for Holy Direction with a sinful attitude!



DL Moody, the famous evangelist, said: "God doesn't seek for golden vessels, and does not ask for silver ones, but He must have clean ones."

So when we are looking for God's Will in our life, the **first thing** we have to deal with is this issue of sin!

If it's not compatible with who we are in Christ Jesus, for Whom we are as children of God, it has to go, it has to be dealt with. Because here's what sin does: **sin confuses our thinking.**

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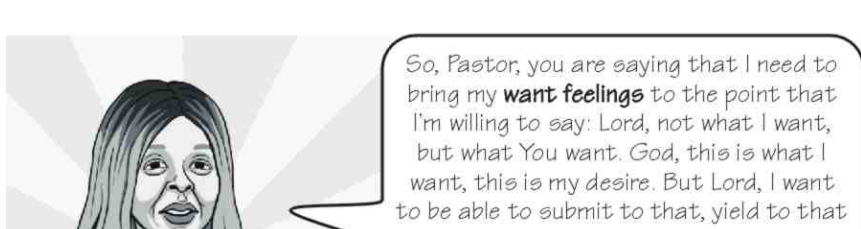
Basic #2: Deal with powerful feelings of want



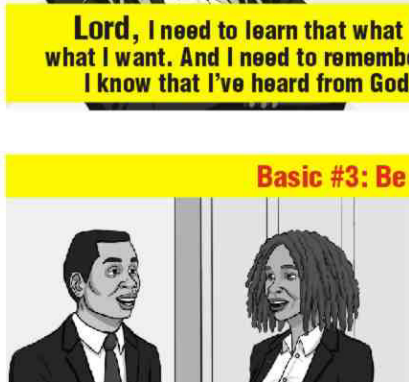
We all experience natural, powerful feelings and wants. These don't have to be sinful wants; every one of us has a natural desire for things in life, something that you want, a dream that you cherish, goals that you aspire to... And it may well be that what we want, forms part of God's plan for us.

So instead of rushing ahead, I need to give God time and space to work in my life!

More important, we must have clear guidance as to how to go about it. Maybe God has a beautiful goal for your life, perhaps God's Will intends something for your life that you also truly desire, something you have been working towards, and you want to know from God: How do I achieve this?

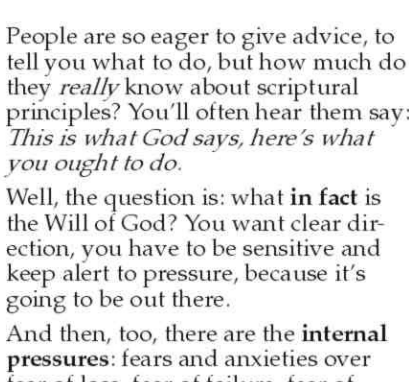


I must learn to bring those strong want feelings to a place of submission to God.



Lord, I need to learn that what You want for me is better for me than what I want. And I need to remember patience says I'm willing to wait until I know that I've heard from God, until I know that this is his choice.

Basic #3: Be alert to pressure



Be alert to pressure, particularly when you seek God's Will. There are two primary sources of pressure you and I have to deal with.

The first is **exterior pressure**: people telling you what you *ought* to do and how you *ought* to think. They will also give you advice, and they will always assure you: *This is exactly what I would do if I were you.*

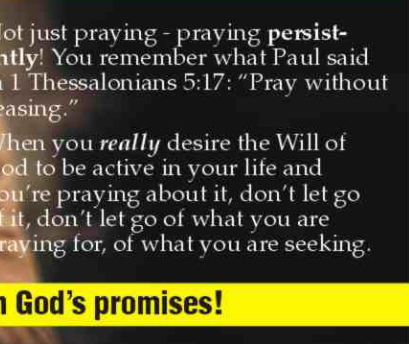
Just how reliable do you think that is?

Of course, this is not to say that 'Godly advice' should be ignored!

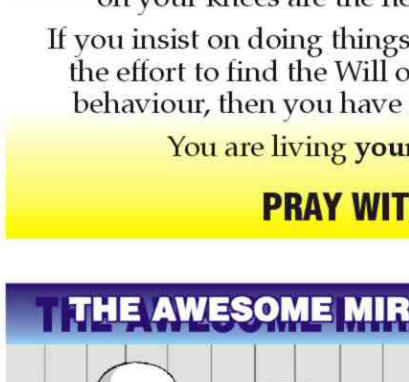
People are so eager to give advice, to tell you what to do, but how much do they *really* know about scriptural principles? You'll often hear them say: *This is what God says, here's what you ought to do.*

Well, the question is: what **in fact** is the Will of God? You want clear direction, you have to be sensitive and keep alert to pressure, because it's going to be out there.

And then, too, there are the **internal pressures**: fears and anxieties over fear of loss, fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of disapproval.



Basic #4: Persistence in Prayer



Not just praying - praying **persistently**! You remember what Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:17: "Pray without ceasing."

When you *really* desire the Will of God to be active in your life and you're praying about it, don't let go of it, don't let go of what you are praying for, of what you are seeking.

Remember to rest in God's promises!

THE HEART AND CORE: PRAYER

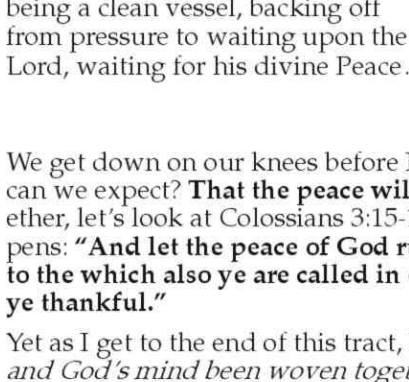
Remember! God's Will gives you clear direction for your life! Praying to God by humbling yourself and spending serious time on your knees are the heart and core to find his Will.

If you insist on doing things your own way without making the effort to find the Will of God, by choosing the wrong behaviour, then you have also chosen the consequences.

You are living your will and not his Will.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

THE AWESOME MIRACLE OF GOD'S WORD



You know what's so amazing? God operates gradually through prayer, gradually through reading his Word.

That's why we have quiet time, time to meditate on God's Word.

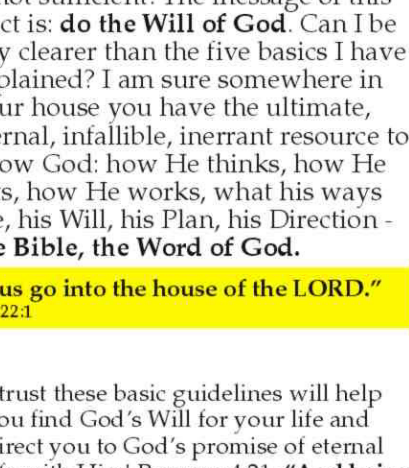
What does that do? It fills your mind with the Truth, and shows you his Will for your life.

That is the awesome miracle of God's Word, it shows you his Direction and his Will.

Basic #5: Wait for the Peace

The word **peace** speaks of harmony and oneness, not of disharmony, not disorder, not unrest, not frustration, not anxiety. To make peace means to weave together, to be bound in harmony.

So what are we talking about? This: We've come from getting rid of sin, being a clean vessel, backing off from pressure to waiting upon the Lord, waiting for his divine Peace.



We get down on our knees before Him, and now what can we expect? **That the peace will follow.** Bound together, let's look at Colossians 3:15-16 to see what happens: **"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful."**

Yet as I get to the end of this tract, I ask: *Has my mind and God's mind been woven together, so that we are on the same page?* Let peace rule, the disturbance is over, the turmoil is over, the upheaval is over, the uncertainty is over. **Peace is ruling. Now I can clearly see God's Will for me.** My circumstances may not have changed, people's attitudes may not have changed, pressures may still be there, but deep down inside, He, God Almighty, has told me exactly what to do, and so I am committed to his Will, no matter what.



Church attendance is good and is to be encouraged, yet one hour a week is not sufficient. The message of this tract is: **do the Will of God.** Can I be any clearer than the five basics I have explained? I am sure somewhere in your house you have the ultimate, eternal, infallible, inerrant resource to know God: how He thinks, how He acts, how He works, what his ways are, his Will, his Plan, his Direction - the Bible, the Word of God.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1



I trust these basic guidelines will help you find God's Will for your life and direct you to God's promise of eternal life with Him! Romans 4:21: **"And being fully persuaded, that what He had promised, He was able also to perform."**

I remind you of the five basic points:

- 1) Become a clean vessel and remove sin from my life
- 2) Deal with powerful want feelings
- 3) Be alert to pressure
- 4) Persist in prayer
- 5) Wait for the Peace.



One of our many readers all over the world wrote: **Thanks for this mobile phone tract, it has such an important truth, I will send it to all my friends!**

We hope you feel the same about this one, as it also tells the truth based on the words of Jesus Himself. Truth which remains the foundation of the Christian faith and the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

May you find God's Will in your life!

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