Motivation For Living: To Do God’s Will

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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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