

WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR ME?



A young man said that he was tired of pretending to be a good Christian. Now that he was 'grown up' he decided that — since he had never found God — the honest truth must be that God does not exist! How tragic. Does that story make you a little uneasy about faith?

The Scripture says emphatically, "He that seeks Me shall find Me." Come on? How can the young man declare that all he ever did was pretend, but somehow didn't find God? He wasn't seeking! And it really is that elementary — though not easy. In fact, to set aside the seeking of oneself is very difficult. Pride will surely want to get in the way.

So what does this have to do with knowing God's will for me? Isn't it the same problem really — just on a different level? Are you seeking Him? Or are you trying to find the thing where God might agree with what you would like? Like go get a job — we all need money to do ministry and to finish school. So when the economy is 'job easy', then surely God's will is for me to get lots of money!? Or maybe God wants to tell you, to guide you, if you really were seeking Him and listening.

Psalm 32:8 "I will guide you with My eye." Some versions render it, "I will guide you and watch over you," but I believe the real meaning of guidance with the eye is something very comforting. A father will watch his children play, and will only step in and redirect when they are about to do something dangerous. Sometimes the will of God is not as specific as we want it to be. Share the gospel and love your neighbour, Just do it.

Sometimes a child who is close to his father can see what his father is thinking by looking at his eyes. And times like this remind me that God sometimes has a more specific will for us. Are we so close to our Father that we can know what He is thinking? Do we long to spend time with Him? Or do we just want a quick answer so we can find what we think His will is? Why is it that knowing what He wants us to do takes priority over spending quality time at His feet like Mary or leaning against Him like John?

Maybe we doubt His love, or do not understand it. Or maybe we are really still children who think its more important to play than to talk at the supper table with family. In any case, when you are sincerely praying for His guidance, do you really think that He would lead you the wrong way?