



Why can't I see God's will for my life?

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*We haven't stopped praying for you and asking
for you to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, ...
so that you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord
and pleasing to him in every way:
by producing fruit in every good work
and growing in the knowledge of God.
Colossians 1:9-10 (CEB)*

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God—
this is your true and proper worship.
² 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 12:1-2 (NIV)*

Questions Thinking People Ask:

- How do I know God's will for my life?
- Does God have a predetermined plan for my life?
- If so, do I have the freedom to resist His will and plan?

*"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts."*

- Shakespeare

As You Like It, Act 2, Scene 7

Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Psalm 139:16 (NLT)

Did the writer of the Psalm mean that the entire story of my life
has already been written before I was born?
Has every detail of my life been predetermined?

Logical and Theological Objections to a predetermined view of life:

Objection #1: _____

Objection #2: _____

Objection #3: _____

**God invites us to join Him
in writing the story of our lives.**

To best understand this,
think of God as a loving _____.

Another way of understanding God's will for your life is through
_____.

This is known as God's _____.

The best-known prescription God has given us to know His will for our lives is The Ten Commandments.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make idols of anything.

You shall not misuse God's name.

You shall honor the Sabbath.

You shall honor your parents.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony.

You shall not covet what is not yours.

Exodus 20:1-17 (paraphrase)

Jesus summed up these and all other biblical commands saying:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: *'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Your story is not yet over. There is more to be written and God invites you to help write it. As you join Him in writing your story, may you... *be filled with the knowledge of God's will,... so that you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him in every way: by producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.*

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