

Walk in God's Will

Reflection

Do we like it when people come to us for advice? What was the best advice we ever gave someone? What was the best advice someone ever gave to us? What happened?

Inspiration from the Holy Bible

Therefore, keep the commandments of the LORD, your God, by walking in his ways and fearing him. (Deuteronomy 8:6)

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:17)

Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an

Say, "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds." (Surah Al-An'am 6:162)

Hadith

Umar ibn al-Khattab (RA) reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Verily, deeds are only with intentions. Verily, every person will have only what they intended. Whoever emigrated to Allah and his messenger, his emigration is for Allah and his messenger. Whoever emigrated to get something in the world or to marry a woman, his emigration is for that to which he emigrated." (Sahih al-Bukhari 54, Grade: Muttafaquun Alayhi)

What does it take to walk in God's will?

- A. Knowing God's will and purpose for us is the starting line. Once we know what His will is, we must walk in it every day. God's first guidance to us is to put away Immorality. He wants us to exercise self-control over our physical bodies.

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor -not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)

- B. Persevere in God's will. Walking in God's will may not be easy for us. The world around us is full of information and events that contradict God's commandments. Some popular television shows romanticize and rationalize adultery. Some songs and social media posts spread hate. Some get-rich-quick schemes tempt us with fantastic returns on Investment so we will let go of our hard-earned money. Some false ideologies lure young people to stop studying, leave their homes and abandon their parents. We have to consciously make a decision each day to walk in God's will and follow His ways.

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. (Hebrews 10:36)

- C. Pursue God's will. This also requires a conscious decision to surrender our self-will to God's will. It entails faith and trust that His will for us is good, pleasing and perfect.

You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God. You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols. (1 Peter 4:2-3)

Challenge

What is our most significant learning today? How will we apply it to our own life?

Prayer

Praise God for His goodness and grace in our life. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Thank Him for the blessings we have received.

If we have any prayer requests, let us pray for one another.

We end the meeting with this declaration of faith: You bless the righteous. Lord and surround us with Your favor as a shield. Because Your hand is upon us, we Increase in wisdom and in favor wherever we go and in whatever we do. Every good thing and every perfect gift comes from You, Lord. Surely Your goodness and loving Witness will follow us all the days of our life, and we will dwell in Your house forever