

THINKING ABOUT GOD'S WILL AND MY LIFE--An Important Question

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Do you always do what you believe God wants you to do? Probably not. Have you ever asked yourself if there are reasons for your resistance to doing what you believe or know God wants? In my work with Christians and churches, I regularly see the importance of this question. Why are churches so often resistant to the processes of developing leadership, growing toward maturity, and planting more churches?

I recently thought of some possibilities. Do you identify with any of these? Do any of these reflect your resistance to God's work and will? Be honest. Honest, open reflection could mean the salvation of unreached souls for Jesus.

- Afraid of doing something different, afraid of the unknown
- Uncertainty
- Fear of what other people will think, especially if success is not immediate
- Fear of failure
- Lack of faith that it can be done
- Simple disobedience (knowing what should occur but not actively working to make it happen)
- Stubbornness, just do not want to do it
- Depending more on self than on God
- Failure to see the long-term picture, short-sightedness
- Lack of planning, no plan in place to pursue these things
- Lack of emotional support
- Lack of desire
- Lack of inspiration to act
- Inadequate training, lack of training
- Failure to understand what God wants in these areas
- Don't understand the New Testament processes in these areas
- Haven't read the Bible in order to discover 'why'
- Believing what we have always thought, doing what we have always done, rather than sensitively listening to what God says in his Word
- Self-centered or selfish
- Personal kingdom building keeps me from expanding to other possibilities
- Preservation of the existing church structures
- Don't have enough time to do more (am not willing to make time to do more)
- Inability to delegate and involve others
- No trained leaders

By presenting this list, I do not intend to be negative. When I think about my own life and various possibilities, these are some of the things that come to my mind.

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