

UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE WILL OF THE LORD IS
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Ephesians 5:14-17 says, ("Wherefore, he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See, then that ye walk circumspectly, *paragraph* not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.")

How can we understand what the will of the Lord is? Many a person has wished, facing a decision, that God would simply push a button, sending them in the right direction. They are tempted to say, "Lord, I just don't know what your will is! Couldn't you give me a special sign?"

But we are told in the Bible, "Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Surely God is telling us that we do not need to be in doubt concerning his will.

Does this mean that we know everything about the Lord's will? There is no subject that we know everything about. But we usually desire to know about the Lord's will when it touches our own lives--What should we do? Where should we serve? Even here there is a tendency to worry too much about details. The field is the world, and it is rare that

Should I go as a missionary to Asia? Should I stay and serve as a pastor in this country? God has much work to be done in either place.