

## HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S WILL?

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How do we know God's Will? The answer to this most important question varies, depending on whom you ask. Most people in the world, if they think about it at all, think God's will is a matter of emotion. Whatever feels right to them is God's will for them. This is subjectivism and it is a plague on mankind.

For many in the world of Christianity, God's will is revealed in the Bible, but only partly so. A substantial number believe that God's will includes the Bible and the teachings of church leaders and councils, deemed approved by God. Others take the position that God's will is revealed in the Bible only as the reader is enlightened by a direct leading operation of the Holy Spirit. From this perspective, one knows precisely what a passage means because one's understanding is supernaturally certified.

Neither of these two positions is correct; indeed, both are very dangerously wrong. In the first place, no man since Jesus, his apostles and the people upon whom they laid their hands to impart spiritual gifts (see Acts 8) is inspired. No one receives direct revelation from God today.

Paul was inspired. I am not and neither are you.