

**How can I know God's will for my life?**

**Matthew 7:27**

**Stephen Covey – 7 Habits of Highly Effective People**

**Develop a mission statement - Do you have one?**

**Text: Personal mission statement comes right out of Scripture. - - -“The will of God!”**

**John 4: 34” *My food is to do the will of Him who sent me to do”***

**\*\*\*\*\*Our personal mission statement as Christians should be to do the will of God**

**What is the will of God? How do we discover it?**

**What is the will of God? What is it like?**

**- It is personal – tv commercial “There is nobody else like you.” God doesn’t waste time making duplicates.**

**- God's will pushes each one of us to reach our potential for which He made us.**

**It is Present -not far off      Not  
future-but now**

**The door opens, we walk in, and  
keep moving**

**It is progressive-we do not  
discover all at once**

**He reveals all we need to know as  
we reach each point**

**He does have a will for the future –  
to be revealed later**

**We really want a divine GPS or  
divine Onstar**

# **God's will is also Pervasive**

**It affects every aspect of our lives. God's will involves our families and our vocation. Saturday nights, Sunday mornings, vacations , jobs, etc.**

**We cannot compartmentalize God's will -. It impacts every area of our lives. It is pervasive You must buy in to God's will completely.**

## **What is God's Will?**

**It is God's personal plan for our lives which is progressively revealed to us as we walk in obedience to him in the present, a plan that involves every aspect of our lives and that will produce within us a deep abiding joy.**

**\*\*\*\*\*How do we find out what God's will is?**

**-an eternal source**

**Start with God himself. How?**

**--The Bible - God's self-disclosure to man. Not a rule book**

**Clear instructions      spend time effort**



**DON'T LET IGNORANCE OF THE WORD  
OF GOD DERAILED YOU.**

**-Prayer is also important. Pray**

**Don't pray trying to get things from  
God but pray trying to align  
ourselves with God's will.**

**We must want what He wants!**

**-Worship Ultimate purpose of  
worship is to bring us into the  
presence of God so we can know Him  
more intimately and understand Him  
more.**

## **Internal Source    Look in!**

**Looking inward helps us. God gave us minds to think. We can discover our talents and skills.**

## **ILL. Medical doctor's first surgery**

**God's shows us His will by how He has gifted us.**

**The Spirit dwells in us also. Allow the Spirit to communicate with our spirit.**

# **External Source      Look out!**

**Seek to discover God's will -seek people with insights from whom we can learn. Insights from their experiences can be helpful.**

**ILL. A Young and old cowboy in cross-country race - The young one found a short cut. The older cowboy took his time starting. A spectator asked if he just gave up. "No guts?" He said, "Naw, I know this route. I've been that way before. No bridge. I can win easily."**

# **Conclusion**

**1. A personal decision to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.**

**2. Make a personal determination to discover God's will and do it.**