

The Mystery of Gods will

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Many of us think or believe if we check things off along the way, if we find the right bible verse talk to the right people, pray and seek with the right heart a direction to go then we would walk into the will of God. THAT IS NOT TRUE.

- The plan of God is full of surprises.
- God is sovereignly in control of our lives.
- It is for His glory and our Good.
- We think that we are in charge.
- It is good to remind ourselves He is the master we are the servants.
- We struggle to give up what we call our 'rights' which are really our wishes and wants and my plans.

Job 23:10-12 But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed his steps; I have kept to his way without turning aside. I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments and his paths beyond tracing out!

- If it is unsearchable and unfathomable, there is then a mystery.
- As we live our lives we discover his will more clearly and realize that it led in a path that we would have never expected.

Revelation 3:7 To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

- Holy, Sinless, True
- Key of David= authority
- "He Holds the Key" The door and Key are figurative- If He opens the door it stays open until he closes it. If He closes it, you cannot open it
- You are here because it is His will

Acts 16:6-10 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

- V: 6 The Holy Spirit Closed the Door
- V: 7 Jesus Closed the Door.
- V: 9 The Door Opens to Macedonia in a Vision a man begging Paul to come.
- Be available to the Spirit, set your plans, your wants, your wishes aside.
- Since God is sovereign He is in control.

- Since He is in control of opening and closing doors He is responsible. Don't lean on your own understanding.
 - If God closes a door there He will open a good and better Door. Think of it as an opportunity.
 - Not until we walk through the open door will we realize the value of the closed door.
 - A Door that opens can and often will alter and change your life forever for His glory and our good.
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Q: How do we interpret a closed door, when do we persevere, when do we not?

A: Prayer can be a refuge, Wife, Family close friends (close community support)
Sometimes prayer will not relieve you, it is a reminder the battle is in His hands

Q: Should we ask for confirmation?

A: Sometimes we will not know, time is the greatest of all levelers, give it time let it be. If it Doesn't grow then it was not supposed to grow. Don't push in the flesh/carnality. Every Act has consequences. Walk sensitively with the Lord.

Q: The Role of fasting?

A: It is for the purpose of spending that time seeking Gods mind.

Q: The Balance of waiting on the Lord and waiting to be led by the Lord passionately going after 'it'.

A: Nothing wrong with the immediate as soon as you have God's assurance, 'that's what Look for the assurance. A window of opportunity. If your partner is against it, don't do it.

Q: Romans 12:2 What is the role of discernment in that verse?

A: we must discern it is the father voice. You play a role you have a mind you will know in your Heart this is a direction you should go, Seek the council of those you respect those who will Not tell you what you want to hear.

Q: how do you find the open door in a dark room, where is the light switch?

A: It is dependent on who you are. Have some good discerning friends who will help you find That door. Friends can help you talk that through. You need the council of individuals who Are not in that room.

***This last question, is a vulnerable question, all of us should be able to be that vulnerable.**