

Full of Wisdom

We want to be in God's will, to do God's will, but how do we really know what God's will for us is? Let's sort out biblical truth from worldly assumptions. Believe it or not, the answer isn't as mysterious as you may think.



INTRODUCTION

Last week David painted a picture of three concentric circles representing God's sovereign and directive will along with the circle of our decisions. Unfortunately, our decision circle can sometime stray out of the boundary of God's directive will. Today we focus on how the filling of the Holy Spirit guides and enables our decisions to always be in the boundary of God's directive will...FOR HIS GLORY!

STARTER QUESTION

God desires lordship more than giving you advice. What does it mean for God to be Lord of your life? In daily living, what does it look like to honor God over fulfilling our own desires?

INTO THE WORD

We can live a spirit-filled life when we surrender, live like we are free, and abide in Jesus. What does it mean to "abide" in Christ? Read John 15:4-5, 1 John 1:6, 1 John 2:27-28, and 1 John 3:24 and discuss what these verses teach about living a spirit-filled life?

The Holy Spirit doesn't have full control of all believers. What do you think about that statement? Read Acts 19:1-3, Ephesians 4:25-32, 1 John 3:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Matthew 5:6 What do these verses teach us (directly or indirectly) about why believers in Christ don't allow the Holy Spirit to have full control of their lives?

Read Philippians 2:12-13. What do these verses tell us about the partnership between us and the Lord in our surrendering control to the Holy Spirit?

APPLICATION

Read Ephesians 5:19-20. Do you ever see the inward working of the Holy Spirit expressed outwardly in ways described in these verses? If not or not a lot then what area(s) do you need hand over to the Holy Spirit's control?

If you are a follower of Jesus you have 100% of the Holy Spirit. What life issue are you currently seeking God's will for? As you are comfortable, share with your group your plan to surrender it to His lordship, live free in the knowing there is not condemnation, and abide in presence and power of Jesus.

PRAYER

As a group, together pray the following... "Lord, we acknowledge that you desire Lordship in our lives. May your work in our lives **bring you glory** even as it brings about our good."

And then as you feel lead, complete the short sentence prayer... "Father God through the wisdom and enabling power of the Holy Spirit, I lay (**fill in the decision or area of need in your life**) at your feet. I choose to trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he reveals your directive will through prayer, Your Word, and the fellowship of believers. Amen."