

**Making application of the message to life:**

- 5) Why is the Traditional View of God's will similar to behavioral therapy rather than living by a heart motivation to please the Lord?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) How would you help a person understand the weaknesses of the Traditional View of trying to live out God's will?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) What are several weaknesses of "impressions" that are supposed to determine God's will?

***God's Will: Why Does God Not Lead You to the Bull's Eye  
2 Timothy 3:16-17***

Gen 41:39; Pro. 16:33; 2 Tim. 3:16-17

**What about the examples in Scripture that seem to support the "individual" plan for believers?**

**1) Does the Lord Jesus guide you on a bull's eye plan?**

- a) Traditional View of God's individual will – \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b) Paul received a light and voice on the Damascus Road (Acts 9:3-4). Should we all expect that? Is. 58:11; Ps. 48:14
  
  
  
  
- c) Paul was sent to minister at specific places and away from others (Acts 16:6-10; 19:9-10; 22:17-21; 23:11). The question is does God have an individual will for every believer?
  
  
  
  
- d) Acts was a transition time of Divine Revelation
  
  
- e) Friessen summarizes Acts
  - i) Direct, supernatural guidance for specific decisions was the exception
  - ii) Direct guidance was given to people who played strategic roles
  - iii) Direct guidance was provided only at critical points in the transition
  - iv) Direct guidance was always communicated by Divine revelation
  
  
- f) We often accept this and narrow it down \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2) Does Scripture teach the bull's eye?**

- a) Pro. 3:5-6
- b) Ps. 32:8
- c) Is. 30:20-21
- d) Rom. 12:1-2
- e) Eph. 2:10
- f) Eph. 5:15-17
- g) Col. 1:9

**3) Traditional view promotes immature decisions**

**4) Impressions imply living by subjectivity**

- a) Consider the source –
- b) Rom. 8:14
- c) Gal. 5:16

***The Lord Jesus wants you to live God's will  
by faith in His holy will!***

**Message Based Discussion Questions**

- 1) How do you decide what to wear each day?

**Digging Deeper**

- 2) Can the Holy Spirit guide you? \_\_\_\_\_ Read John 16:12-14. Does Scripture teach that the Holy Spirit will guide you in a specific individual will on what socks to wear or what college to attend? How should you understand the passage?
  
- 3) Is there a peace that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:6-7)? \_\_\_\_\_ Is peace a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)? \_\_\_\_\_ How does this peace orient you to understanding God's will? What is the Spirit's role? Is that will His holy will or individual will? What is the difference?
  
- 4) Would it be easier to know exactly what decisions God wants you to make every moment, or trust Him by faith with the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_ What makes it very difficult to trust the Lord (Rom. 14:23; Heb. 11:6)?