

GOD'S WILL OR MY WILL

Do you ever pray for *discernment*? To know the will of God? To grasp divine mysteries in order to walk more closely with the Lord?

An overweight man decided it was time to shed some of the excess weight he had accumulated over the years. He had his annual physical and talked things over with his physician. Exercise and diet were to be the key elements of his new lifestyle. He began walking every evening and took his new diet seriously. He even changed his driving route to the office to avoid having to pass by one of his more serious centers of temptation – the local bakery.

One morning he arrived at the office with a gigantic coffee cake and a box each of chocolate-iced doughnuts and Danish pastries. His assistant looked at him with raised eyebrows. But he simply smiled.

"This is a very special day," he explained. "I inadvertently happened to drive by the bakery this morning, and the sight and smell of these delicacies seemed to call my name. I felt there was something very purposeful about my being on that street at that very time, but then I remembered my diet. So, I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have some of those delicious breads, give me a sign! Let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery's front door.'"

"Sure enough," he said, "on my twelfth trip around the block, there it was!"

We've heard people justify everything from breaking lines at airports to dishonesty with company funds to affairs with "reasoning" that sounds strangely like that man's excuse for chowing down on calories. No doubt, we have heard people justify strange and selfish behavior using the Lord's name and will. Perhaps, you have even participated in such relative reasoning.

No, I don't have a surefire method for figuring out the mind of God. The power of holy discernment is a gift of the Spirit. But here are three things to keep in mind:

- (1) The Spirit of God is not going to call you to disobey Scripture,
- (2) It is from sincere prayer that the divine will emerges most clearly, and
- (3) Both Bible study and prayer are most productive in community.

With decisions that have spiritual significance, don't be like the man who deceived himself into thinking pious words can hide basic selfishness.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-877-380-7755 followed by 4651356

YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Robert Coleman** is having continued health issues.
- **Misha Kimbell** is waiting for bone scan results.
- **Kenleta Pokorski** has a broken wrist.
- **Jane Winstead** is in Baptist DeSoto Rehab. Please, no visitors.
- **Gwyn Ray** is suffering with back pain.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Harvey Geeding, Sonia Henry, Beverly Hutcheson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Tonya Smith, Kitty Ussery, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Lula Whittle.

REHAB: Cora Epperson, Nancy Holmes, Jane Mullins, Dot Richardson, Jane Winstead.

SHUT-INS: Ann Estes, Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Irmagene Hall, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Ann Woodson, Sallye Giles.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Katie Culley, Bubba Davis, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons, Mike Wolbright.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Art Shumway** at the birth of a new granddaughter, Sawyer Davis, born Friday, February 3.

NEW BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Will Branning**, who was baptized **Sunday, January 29, 2016**. Will is the son of **Brad & Jamie Branning**.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY

Indoor Camp Out - February 17, in the FLC. Bring your tents and sleeping bags! And, bring on the smores!! **We'll start at 7:00PM** with dinner (hot dogs and fixin's), followed by activities, devotionals, and lots of flashlights before "lights out"! **Ages 12 and under** are invited. *Please have one parent, or authorized adult plan to stay per family.*

And the survey said!? Keep your eye out on Facebook in the coming week for a survey that we want all of our parents and kids to participate in. We're going to adopt a name and theme for our children's ministry that corresponds to our ministry goals. We want your input, so be watching!

NURSERY WORKERS

February 12

10:00 (0-24 mos) Heather Cuevas,
Kimberly King, Karen Kopf
(2 years) Dinah Glover, Vickie Eddlemon
5:00PM: Helen & Lindsey Brady

February 19

10:00 (0-24 mos) Debbie & Rebecca Dean,
Lou Thomas
(2 years) Jennifer & Allison Davis
5:00PM: Pat Hasler, Jean Kuykendall

THE PRAISE OF PRAYER

"Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
(Matthew 6:9)

Jesus did not say, *"Pray these words"* but *"Pray in this way."*

The first thing our prayers should have is **praise**. *"Our Father in heaven."* Father –look at his mercy, his love. Look at how exalted and majestic he is. It's only when these two ideas come together that we can fully praise God. "God our Father" makes "in heaven" more tender. "God in heaven" makes "our father" more comforting.

"Hallowed be your name." To "hallow" something means to treat it as sacred and the most important thing. Jesus teaches us that before we ask God for anything, we have to acknowledge that he is the all-important one.

Praise comes before petition. Praising God at the beginning of your prayers will change how you make petitions at the end of your prayers. The reason we can't get over our anxiety may be that we have hallowed our problems more than we have hallowed God's name. We have to demote our careers, that new house or car, perfect grades, dream husband or wife, doctor's diagnosis. Get those things out of the hallowed place and let God be the only one there. When you do this, you'll be ready to make petitions.

Matthew

THURSDAY SCHOOL

The spring semester of **Thursday School begins February 23**. Our ministry volunteers are committed to serving all of the families of Desoto County with children ages 3-5 who wish to attend. To this end we pray, therefore registration is always open! In order for us to prepare for your child, register today at www.goodmanoaks.com/children. Please share this information with a friend, and contact Alan Underwood if you have any questions: alan@goodmanoaks.com.

YOUTH NEWS

WINTERFEST

All money for Winterfest is due today. Please see Jared to turn in the rest of your money. Also, we will have a trip meeting at 6:45PM on Wednesday night in the teen room before class. If you are going on this trip you and a parent(s) must be present.

AREA WIDE

Our next area wide is at the Gilmore Street Church in Senatobia on Sunday, March 5.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today. An attended nursery for 0-24 months is available in the foyer and 2 year olds meet in room 5. Children ages 3-5 will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church. Hearing assistance is available at the sound booth.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call Derek McNamara at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class	9:00AM
Morning Assembly	10:00AM
Evening Assembly	5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
1700 Goodman Rd. E • Southaven, MS 38671	

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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

THE REWARD OF A HOLY LIFE REVELATION 2:18—29

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 22,222
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	360
Morning Assembly	537
Midweek Class	195

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ORDER OF WORSHIP February 12, 2017

Singing - Todd Cottrell

970 "View That Holy City"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

851 "I'll Fly Away"
"Here I Am To Worship"

Prayer - Al Canada

359 "I Love The Lord"

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Dave Osborn

"Hide Me Away, O Lord"
"Holy Lord, Most Holy Lord"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

THE REWARD OF A HOLY LIFE REVELATION 2:18—29

Invitation Song:

945 "Kneel At The Cross"

Shepherd's Prayer - Randy Denton

Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present
everyone mature in Christ.
~Colossians 1:28

