

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - NOVEMBER 4, 2018

TOPIC: LEARNING FROM THE "FOOLS" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 5: *The Fool Who Does Not Understand God's Will!*

TEXT: Ephesians 5:6-17

INTRO: "foolish" = Greek word, "aphron," meaning, "without reason or the lack of common sense"

- Finding God's Will Foolishly!

I. "FIND OUT WHAT PLEASURES THE LORD": v.10

Things That Please the Lord:

1. By getting SAVED first! - John 1:12; Eph. 2:8-9
 2. By continuing in separation - vv. 11, 3-5
Note: Separation from the world and separation to God!
 3. By continuing in surrender - Romans 12:1-2
Note: Let's surrender our lives to God!
- Needle & Thread!

II. "UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LORD'S WILL IS":v.17

How Do We Understand The Lord's Will?

1. By understanding the three kinds of God's will!
 - A. *Revealed* will or the perfect will of God!
Note: This is actually the Word of God as it God's revelation of His perfect will to mankind.
 - B. *Secret* will of God!
Note: God's secret will to a Christian WON'T be revealed by God unless A is done first!
 - C. *Permissive* will of God!
- Jonah
 - 2. By asking God about it - PRAY!
Note: I John 5:14-15 reassures that God will give to us what we have prayed for IF IT HIS WILL!
 - Gambling At Caesar's Palace!

3. The Word of God will enlighten us!
Note: It will CONFIRM it!
- John Maxwell!
4. Circumstances will go along with it!
• From Michigan To Windsor!
Note: God will either open or close doors for us!
5. The Holy Spirit will guide and give you peace about it! - John 16:13

CONCLUSION: George Truett/Corinthians 2:14!

Let Go - Let God!

A young man, who was struggling to let the Lord have His way in his life, knelt to pray. He had been advised to "Let God do the work for him." But as he was kneeling, he cried, "I want to let God have His way, but I can't!"

The day before, he had cut out of pasteboard the letters "LET GOD" and tacked them on the wall. He rose from his knees and with a feeling of defeat and despair, he left the room, and slammed the door with a bang, saying, "I can't 'LET GOD!'" On his return to his room, he was startled to note that the slam of the door had loosened the letter D on the word GOD causing it to fall to the floor, and changing the motto "LET GO."

"I will, I will, Lord Jesus," he cried and threw himself on his knees at the side of his bed. "I will 'Let go,' and 'Let God,'" and he did! - *Gospel For The Youth*

Verse For Today

"Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is!" - Ephesians 5:17

Food For thought

The best way to know God's will is to say "I will" to God!
- The Bible Friend

