

DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Knowing & Doing God's Will

And So the Story Goes....

"In September 1952, David Young and I were attending our college's camp at Catalina Island. We went hiking one sunny, hot afternoon to the top of a ridge of mountains. We were thirsty and didn't have any water with us, so we were glad to see a beautiful, blue lake in the valley a few hundred yards below us. We hiked down the mountain very fast to get a drink, but when we got to the bottom of the hill and walked to the lake, the whole shore was muddy and hundreds of green slimy frogs jumped into the water. We saw that it wasn't such good water after all; it was very muddy. So we went without our drink. Sometimes we see something that looks so good that we believe it must be God's plan for us. But it is not always what it seems to be. We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to show us if it is really God's plan for us." – Roy Zuck

They Said It:

"An individual's highest fulfillment, greatest happiness, and widest usefulness are to be found in living in harmony with God's will."
– John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Five main helps for discovering God's will in any situation are the Bible, the Holy Spirit (through prayer), open & closed doors, mature Christians, and reason (with caution).
– Charles Shaver



"The will of God is not a mysterious set of sealed orders we search for and receive if we happen to hit on the right formula. Rather, the will of God is a relationship with Him in which He discloses His purpose, power, and plan for our lives..."

– Lloyd John Ogilvie

"Nine-tenths of the difficulties about God's will are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be."
– George Mueller

"Inside the will of God there is no failure. Outside the will of God there is no success."
– Bernard Edinger

Readings From The Scriptures:

Day 1 – Psalm 143:10

Day 2 – Matthew 6:10

Day 3 – Matthew 7:21

Day 4 – Romans 12:2

Day 5 – I Thessalonians 4:3, 7

Day 6 – I Thessalonians 5:18

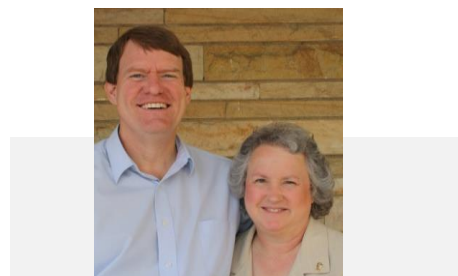
Day 7 – Hebrews 13:20-21

Try This Memory Verse:

"I desire to do Your will, my God; Your law is within my heart."
(Psalm 40:8)

News & Notes . . .

- **Visit our website** – for all kinds of discipleship tools and helps: www.discipleshipcenter.org
- **Dedication** – This edition of *Discipleship Today* is dedicated to Pastor Paul Colgan. Back in 2013, when Sharon and I moved back to New York to launch The Discipleship Center, Pastor Paul not only put me on his pastoral staff and gave his blessing for us to live in the then-vacant parsonage, but he made the Auburn Church facility totally available for TDC use. He also taught several evangelism workshops at TDC events. **Thank you, Paul!**
- **Experiencing God** – One of the best resources on the topic of knowing and doing God's will is a book entitled **Experiencing God** by Henry and Richard Blackaby. If you would like a **free** copy of the book, or the related devotional, please contact us.
- **Discipleship Workshops** – As a reminder, contact us if you are interested in hosting a TDC workshop. We can present them at your church, with a small group, or at your home. We cover topics such as *Knowing & Doing God's Will, How to Study Your Bible, Prayer for Others, Your S.H.A.P.E. for Service, Sharing Your Faith with Others, All About Relationship with God, The Spirit-Filled Life*, and more. A complete listing of available topics can be found at our website!
- **Thank You** – As always, we are grateful for all your prayers, giving and encouragement!



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Areas Where I Need to Know God's Will

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