

## Finding God's Will

### Know Yourself

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As we continue to consider the question, "How can we know God's Will?" we talked Sunday about knowing ourselves. Specifically, in this blog I want to consider the idea that we are each uniquely designed and prepared for what God has for us. Like our fingerprints and our DNA demonstrates, we are all uniquely created. Jeremiah declared that God had known him before He formed him in his mother's womb. That means that God had specifically designed Jeremiah. He had a purpose for Jeremiah. Jeremiah was purposefully designed. That is significant for this discussion because if we are purposefully designed, then knowing God's will involves discovering that design. Our individual lives have meaning and purpose.

In saying that, I am not saying that there is just one purpose we fulfill in a particular time, at a particular place, or in a particular job. Too often I think we get paralyzed trying to figure out the exact one thing we are to be doing or we will miss God's will. I don't think that is the case. I am saying that we all bring a unique influence through our lives. Our personalities, desires, temperaments, skills, experiences, and spiritual gifts all make us uniquely prepared for ministry and impact through our lives. That is true within the body of Christ and within our community. That is God's design for our lives.

**Ephesians 2:8-10** talks about how we are saved—by grace through faith. In verse 10 Paul includes part of the reason why we were saved. We are saved for good works which God prepared in advance for us to do. We have divine appointments based on how God wants to use us.

One of the most freeing things in life is to know what we are good at, and what we are not good at. With strengths usually come corresponding weaknesses. Embracing how God made each of us with our corresponding strengths and weaknesses allows us to move with great freedom through life wherever that takes us. By design, both in our individual makeup, and in our individual journeys, God will carry out His will of making disciples through us.

Who or what has God designed you to be?

#### Questions to consider:

1. What are you good at? What do you like to do?
2. What are you not so good at?
3. How would others answer those questions about you?
4. Ask God what He made you to do and be.