

HOW TO KNOW GOD
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INTRODUCTION

- A. Rick Warren’s book, “A Purpose Driven Life”, says we have five purposes for living.
 - 1. We were planned for God’s pleasure.
 - 2. We were formed for God’s family.
 - 3. We were created to become like Christ.
 - 4. We were shaped for servicing God.
 - 5. We were made for a mission.

- B. Jesus wouldn’t disagree with Warren’s statement, however, Jesus would add that all five purposes are designed for one reason, so we can know God--John 17:3.

I. WHAT WILL WE COME TO KNOW ABOUT GOD THROUGH EXPERIENCE?

- A. First, we will discover that God’s nature is love—I John 4:16 & Hebrews 12:6

1 John 4:16
.....God is love.....

Hebrews 12:6
....the Lord disciplines the one he loves....

- B. Second, we will discover that God’s nature is all knowing, therefore his directions for our life are always right—Jer. 29:11.

- C. Third, we will discover that God’s nature is all powerful, therefore He can enable you to accomplish His will—Isa. 46:10-11.

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.....What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.

II. HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT GOD'S WILL IS?

- A. The wrong way to discover God's will is to ask, "What is God's will for my life?" The right question, rather, is to ask, what is God's will?
- B. Knowing God's will takes time.
- C. Knowing God's will comes a little at a time.
- D. Doing God's will requires that we be His servant--Jer. 18:1-6, Phil. 2:13 & James 5:17-18.

III. HOW CAN WE EXPERIENCE GOD ON A DAILY BASIS TO DISCOVER HIS WILL?

- A. Henry Blackaby says through what he calls, "The Seven Realities of Experiencing God (recite them).
 - 1. God is always at work around you.
 - 2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
 - 3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
 - 4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
 - 5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
 - 6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
 - 7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.
- B. The purpose of these seven realities is to help us.....
 - 1. Hear when God is speaking to us.
 - 2. Clearly identify the activity of God in our life.
 - 3. Believe God to be and do everything He promises.
 - 4. Adjust our beliefs, character, and behavior to God and His ways.
 - 5. See a direction that He is taking in our lives and what He wants to do through our lives.
 - 6. Clearly know what we need to do in response to His activity in our lives.
 - 7. Experience God doing through us what only God can do.