



Center of God's Will

One thing is true about every one of us as relates to God creating us. He created us all to be in the center of His will for our lives—not in the corner of His will, but the center. One of the most valuable attributes of a leader is getting the best out of people which includes helping them get in the center of God's will for their lives. I do not want to work with people that I'm not convinced are in the center of God's will.

- a) We need to desire and seek to be in the center of God's will. **God's will is His desire, heart, delight, Word, and pleasure.**
 - i) There is no will of God outside His Word. Therefore, the center of God's will is the **center of His Word.**

Everyone who gets to know the Lord is driven to know His will with a desire to follow it.

- b) Most of us go through life trying to find a good place and a safe place to flourish and prosper, but little do we know that there is only one:
 - i) Safe
 - ii) Prosperous
 - iii) Joyous and Happiest
 - iv) most peaceful
 - v) Most rewarding
 - vi) Fulfilling
 - vii) Prosperous place

—being in the center of God's will.

Seed does not flourish if is not planted in the right place (ground) or season.

- c) You can only blossom and flourish in the center of God's will. You will bear fruit in other places, but not as you would if you were in the center of God's will.
- d) God's will is not just the safest, most prosperous, and best place PERIOD, rather it is **being in that center.**
 - i) If I were to ask you what the most prosperous, peaceful, and safest place on earth, what would you say?

- ii) You can be in the so-called most 'prosperous' place on earth and still not prosper, be fulfilled, and have peace until you are in the center of God's will for your life. **There will be no fulfillment, purpose, or satisfaction until we step into the center of God's will for our lives.** This ought to be one of our greatest endeavors. We should not just be ambitious except to be in the center of God's will.
- iii) The best place to be is **not in a certain geographical location** but in the center of God's will.
 - o That place is not the **United States of America** or UAE or Europe, but rather being in the center of God's will.
 - o Being in Uganda for instance and is the center of God's will is better than being in the United States if it is not.

Main Text:

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

- a) God's will has multiple dimensions: The good, acceptable, and perfect will. We should desire to be in the perfect will although few of us get to be in this place.
- b) Many people do not know that there is a limit to how far or how high God wants them to go.
 - i) There is a ceiling that God has set for us to rise to, therefore we cannot just have ambitions and pursuits outside God's will.

First, God's will is to **"BE."** The scriptures clearly show us that we ought to **"BE"** and after **BEING** God's will, we will **DO** God's will. **BEING** precedes **DOING** God's will. If we can't **"BE"** God's will, we can't **DO** it. God's will has to be understood **in terms of being first**, just not doing, going, or having. As we **"be"** God's will, our character is built and developed to a place where we can do it. God's will is not something we *do*, but first, something we must *be*.

The word says, Therefore:

- o Be born again (John 3:3)
- o Be holy and Godly (Titus 2:11-12)
- o Be filled with the Holy Ghost (Ephesians 5:14-19)
- o Be thankful (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- o Be separate (2 Corinthians 6:17)
- o Be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:1-2)
- o Be a light to the world and salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16)
- o Be a blessing (Genesis 12:2)
- o Be merciful and kind to one another. (Ephesians 4:32)
- o Be a witness (Acts 1:8)

- o Be fruitful and filled with the knowledge of His will (Colossians 1:9-12).

Once we have settled the part of God's will which is "to be", we can then move on to the doing of God's will.

Some things are better than others and what makes them better is if they are God's will.

- i) Proverbs 15:16 **Better** is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.
- ii) Proverbs 15:17 **Better** is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
- iii) Proverbs 16:8 **Better** is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

—2 Timothy 3:10-12

- a) I am not saying that being in God's will, will eliminate all problems and challenges, but rather, it is the safest and best place to be.

O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

—Isaiah 48:18

- a) This verse is very telling about peace. One of the reasons we do not experience peace like a river is because we have not hearkened to the Word of God.
 - i) No Word = no peace.
 - ii) When we hearken to the Word of the Lord, we position ourselves to be in the center of God's will for our lives, where we then experience peace even in the midst of turmoil.
- b) Isaiah 26:3 reveals that we have peace as we keep our mind stayed upon the Lord. One of the ways we do that is through hearkening to God's Word.
- c) Romans 8:6 makes it clear that to be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount

*The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, **Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:** 7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.*

—Deuteronomy 1:6-8

- a) I saw this in Bible College where some students and staff love the environment a lot however, they stay around long enough which hinders them from doing what God called them to do. They were hanging around and playing it too safe.
- b) Some people will never move on. They do their best at playing it too safe. You need to step out.
 - i) You cannot walk on water while in the boat.
 - ii) This is exactly what I did while I was in the States for some time. I was comfortable but I stepped out and left thereby doing exploits here in Uganda.
- c) Some of you need to **step in** while others need to **step out** and go do what God has called you to do.
 - i) There are bigger and greater things to leave for and God has called you to than your little position in your regular job.
 - ii) You can still be affiliated with this ministry in your ministry doing what God has called you to do.
- d) There was a time when I went before my staff and I encouraged them to leave and go do what God had called them to do, guess what happened? Some left.
 - i) Jesus told us to **'GO'** not to 'stay.' As we go, we will see miracles, signs and wonders happen.
 - ii) The truth is they were set free.
 - iii) **I want people to be where God wants them to be.** I will encourage people to leave if it means them being in the center of God's will—even if it hurts me. I won't stand in their way.
 - iv) For people to reach their full potential God created them for, they need to be in the center of God's will.

- v) People have to **GO** if they want to accomplish and be in the center of God's will for their lives. We cannot reach our potential outside the center of God's will.
- e) We need to obey the Lord and get positioned in the center of His will for our lives. Obedience is not a curse word.



I do not know if you know what this means. I came up with this after hearing people say "TGIF."—"Thank God It is Friday."

I understand that some people have a difficult, tiresome, and busy week and look forward to the weekend for rest. Nothing wrong with that. However, few people in overall look forward to Monday. They hope for a long weekend, so they do not come back to work. Among other ways, this portrays an attitude that one does not want to work. They would not say TGIM—Thank God It's Monday. Many people who are TGIF fanatics are not in the center of God's will. If they were, they would look forward to Monday rather than Friday.

- a) TGIF indicates that they do not love what they do, and, in many cases, they are doing it for a paycheck. There is more to life than waking up to make a paycheck.
- b) You can't just go through life doing what you hate. It would be best if you found what lights your fire and started doing exactly it.
 - i) Passion gives you energy and acts as fuel to your gas tank. You can't continue doing what you have no **passion** for and expect to continue having:
 - o *Faithfulness*
 - o *Creativity*
 - o *Energy*
 - o *Integrity*
 - o *Commitment*
 - o *Resilience*
 - o *Drive*

These things will slowly begin to die.

- ii) You need to ask yourself this question every day you wake up and go to work or business. Am I doing what I love and loving what I do? Do I have Passion for this or am I just going through the motions?
 - o If you are not passionate about your job, work, calling, and assignment.

- You are a dead man walking.
 - You are acting retired even if you are still young. You need to come out of retirement.
 - Doing things, you don't have passion = a machine.
- c) If you do not look forward to Monday, it is highly possible you are not doing what God created you to do, or seasons have changed. Your vision is too small, that's if you have one.
- i) If you do not look forward to Monday, you need to quit your job. You are not helping.
 - ii) If you think Monday is Friday, you need to find what energizes and excites you.
 - iii) If you are not excited, about what you are doing, you have not found the center of God's will.
- d) If you thank God, it is Friday, you have given up on life. You have effectively retired.

Get you a real Job!

- a) A lack of balance between the spiritual and the physical is destroying relationships. Many stay in a spiritual environment “*servicing*” even when they cannot provide for their family.
- i) If we labor, we shall increase (Proverbs 13:11). **If you cannot provide for your family, you need to quit your spiritual thing and get you a job.**
- b) I have met people like this who hide in “*ministry*” and “*servicing*” at the expense of their family support. Your family is ministry.
- c) Stop hiding behind or using ministry to excuse your laziness and lack of provision for your family. If ministry is not at a time where it provides you enough to provide for your family as a father, you need to find you a real job.
- i) 1 Timothy 3:4-5—If you cannot **rule**—provide, protect, or care for the house of God, how can you do so for the house of the Lord?
- d) **Working a secular job is not unspiritual, nor unscriptural. Being out of the center of God's will is.**

Willing and Obedient

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

—Isaiah 1:19-20

- a) Willingness and obedience positions, you to be in the center of God' will.
 - i) Obedience cannot be left out when talking about being in the center of God's will.
 - ii) If you move out of the center of God's will, He will find someone else.
- b) It takes faith to obey the Lord. It is by faith that we obey the Lord.
- c) Not obeying the Lord will cost you. It could cost you your ministry and everything. If you do not obey the Lord, He will find someone else. King Saul paid the price for a lack of obedience and was out of God's will (1 Samuel 13:14).
- d) Believe me, there is someone who can do whatever you are doing for the Lord. God has options. If you want to be used by the Lord, you need to be one who obeys Him. Be quick to obey the Lord.
- e) Obedience shows humility and that one is trusting the Lord.
- f) Types of Obedience
 - i) Vertical obedience. Obedience that believes the Lord (Romans 1:5; 16:26). New Covenant obedience = Believing. The gospel must be obeyed or else it is powerless. Obedience to the Lord releases or receives from the Lord (Acts 5:32). Not obeying the Lord is not believing Him.
 - ii) Horizontal obedience. Obedience has actions. It obeys the Lord.

In conclusion, if we are in the center of God's will, the following could be the result:

- i) Peace
- ii) Fruitfulness
- iii) Grace
- iv) Resources (There will be resources available to do the assignment).
- v) Less time rather than too much time taken
- vi) No frustration.

If you are having to push for something to come through, you should back off. Having to **push** for things could be an indication that it's not time or our role. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to make things happen.

Are you in the center of God's will? If not, you need to repent. Change your mind and agree with God.