

### God Doesn't Make the Decision Hard

If you want to know what you should do with your life, consider the love of God revealed in His statements about who you are and who you are designed to be. You have been created by God with great care and wonder, all the days of your life are designed by God, and He thinks often and well of you (Psalm 139:13-18).

You have the fingerprints of God all over you, having been created as His workmanship, designed to do good works (Ephesians 2:10). You have been designed to do good works for God's glory and to help other people.

Consider this: Jesus and His adoptive earthly father were carpenters. Many followers of Jesus were fisherman. Others were tent makers, tax collectors, Roman soldiers, and Jewish leaders. Therefore, I believe that Scripture is clear: there is no right profession, and, so long as it is not a question of morality, there is no wrong one. Thus, as you are considering what you might do with your life – whether you should take this job or that one, move to a new city or stay in your home town, continue in school or start a small business – seek out the answer that positions you to best be able to love God by loving others.

I have had the privilege to have many great mentors in my life, and without exception, they all pointed me to the study of Scripture. Furthermore, they warned me that without God speaking to me through His word I could easily be led down the wrong path – it was not mystical – it was not magic – it was simply and systematically reading God's Word. And may I say to you: if you are not systematically reading God's Word you will have many difficulties in your life.

I have over the years had people ask if I could recommend a good church. My reply has always been the same: find one that handles the Word of God with respect – they preach it and they teach it in all areas of life. The Word of God must be the source of everything we do.

However, I do understand that this is not the case in many areas where people live - it is about music – it is about programs – it is about hype. But if you are to reach your purpose in life, you must be in the Word. I can honestly say it works well for me. Years ago, I learned that it is not in bigger or better – it is one day at a time walking with God and living by faith in His faithfulness.

Therefore, let me give you a few things that has given me great contentment with God's will for my life:

First and most importantly, read the Bible and pray. Let the text be your guide in prayer, and you will be absolutely amazed in time how this process has enhanced your life as you talk with God and receive His wise counsel. It will draw you near to Him.

Second, seek the counsel of those who love God and love you. Their advice matters a great deal (Proverbs 15:22).

Third, reflect on the past and make a list of the times you have been invited to serve others, maybe to lead a Bible study or help someone with his schoolwork, or to sing at a wedding, or write a paper. This will help you to learn what other people believe you are good at.

Fourth, make a list of whom you love to love. Do you cry when you see a homeless man? Do you want to save high school students from peer pressure? Do you wish it were possible that ladies in nursing homes never felt lonely? These and similar questions about God and other people will help you discover that it is not necessarily about what you should do, but rather whom you could serve. Somewhere in there is the beginning of the road you are seeking.

Fifth, live your life before God with great reverence for who He is and what He does, and then go and love others.

Furthermore, give yourself permission to make mistakes, but always remember Romans 8:28 and Psalm 127:1.

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