

“The Parables #10”

Matt. 21: 28-32

(Parable of the two sons) - (How to know the will of God)

- **Discovering and doing the will of God is the only way to have a consistent experience of the abundant life Jesus came to reveal to us.**
- **But not only to reveal but also to enable us through His strength and power.**

- **As a pastor and missionary**
 1. **The number one question I’m asked is... How can I know the will of God for my life.**

- **Many people pray... Lord show me your will.**
- **Question is: Why is it so few people get a clear answer?**

Text (read)...

- **Let’s read this in context, to see why Jesus shares this parable...He’s responding to a question from the religious establishment.**

Matt. 21: 23-27 (The Message Translation)

V23 The Chief Priest and the elders ask... **“By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”**

V24-25 Jesus reply’s... **“I will ask you one thing too, which if you can tell me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things... The baptism of John was from what source, from heaven or from man?”**

- What is Jesus' point?
- How could they accept His authority as Messiah?
- If they were unwilling to accept John the Baptist's authority, who prepared the way for His messianic ministry, they would not accept His authority.
- He had already told them on other occasions, His authority was from God, He had not hidden His messiahship.

Lloyd Ogilvie: *"Their question about His authority was like our question about the will of God. We already know more than we have done... We have not acted on the knowledge we have. Action is the nerve center of the spiritual life."*

Martin Luther Said: *"I believe, in order to obey; I obey, in order to believe."*

Charles Spurgeon often said: *"Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle... He who obeys God, trust God; and he who trust God, obeys God."*

V 28 Jesus said to chief priest: *"But what do you think?"...*

Lloyd Ogilvie: *"In our prayers we promise more than we do... in worship we sing, pray, and preach way beyond where we are willing to live. We talk a good game. Awesome truths are proclaimed, and we respond with emotional excitement. What we do between Sundays is the test... We see the issues and make bold protestations. But often when we look back over the day, we realize that we talked way beyond our action."*

Psalms 119:32-33 *"I will run the course of your commandments, for you shall enlarge my heart. Teach me, O Lord the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end."*

Psalms 86:11-12 *"Teach me your way, O Lord; I will walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore."*

Unite my heart... Lit. Translation: *"Give me singleness of heart to fear your name"*

Conclusion:

1. *The discovery of Gods will comes from habitual, consistent, repetitive communion with God.*
2. *When we seek God for who He is, not just His will, He will lead us into His will.*
3. *The only way to know the will Of God for your life... Is to be willing to start to be obedient in the little things. "EXAMPLE" (Rom 12: 6-13)*

Parable in the message bible... (Read) - Matt 21:28-32