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“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

Many today speak of God giving them a “special revelation” or some verse in Scripture for them to claim as their own. There are different ways of saying this but people want to believe God is showing them something special or has a special plan for them. People seem to be longing for special meaning or insight from God to show them the way they should go. Yet many of those seeking “special revelation” or a plan for their life are guilt ridden. The problem with this type of belief is many miss their purpose and God’s will as revealed in His word.

It’s like the farmer who was longing for a “special revelation” from God about what to do in his life. He looked up in the sky and in the clouds saw the letters “G.P.”. He concluded that God was calling him to “Go Preach.” It was the sign he was looking for. As he hurried back to his house, he passed his neighbor farmer and told him what he saw and the meaning the Lord struck in his mind. The neighbor farmer paused and said, “It could mean ‘Go Plow’!” End of discussion. ***“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’ But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet.’”*** (Matthew 12:38-39)

People think they are getting insight to the will of God through some event by a sign or wonder in their life. The problem is they reveal they do not know Scripture. Here is the apostle Paul teaching the church about this matter: ***“That by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote in brief. And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.”*** (Ephesians 3:3-4) Paul was given a special revelation from the Lord because the Scriptures hadn’t been completely written. Paul wrote things down received from the Lord and told the church at Ephesus (and us) if we would only read we could understand. The revealing of Scripture was to instruct us what God wants from us and reveals His will for each of our lives! It’s found in the Lord’s Scripture. One must seek the will of God as found in His word. Too many are claiming “special insight” or “spiritual callings” without knowing about the God as revealed in Scripture. You cannot know the will of God without knowing God! One cannot know God without serious Bible study and simple obedience to what you read.

Paul reminded the brethren (and us): ***“So then, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”*** (Ephesians 5:17) If one can understand the will of God, that doesn't mean it's a mystery. God's will is in His word and that has been revealed. The will of God is to abstain from sexual immorality (I Thessalonians 4:3). The will of God is husbands/wives treating one another as the Lord calls us. The will of God is to teach and train our children to walk with the Lord in the light of His word. The will of God is to do your work for the Lord and not man. The will of God is to submit to governing authorities (I Peter 1:13-14). The will of God is to give glory and honor in the name of the Lord. Christianity is about a relationship with God calling us to walk in the steps of Jesus. That means we must read His word and apply it to our lives. That's the will of God.

People are bent over looking for “special revelations” or seeking dreams and following their feelings. Scripture is no longer their guide and insight to God. God does not hide from man, but has revealed Himself in Jesus and the teachings of the Lord. We need to seek God by reading His word. We need to be humble and prayerful walking where He asks us to walk. Trust and obey. Don't seek for signs! Seek the truth of God's word. Know the Book and you will know God! Think about it!!!

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