



“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...

Scriptures speak: *“So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* (Ephesians 5:17) It is a fool that does not want to know or understand the will of God. God’s will can be understood. It’s not mysterious and hidden. The problem is many don’t desire to know what His will is from Him!! Over and over I speak with people who claim they want to be in heaven in the presence of God yet have no concern for His will. When they are told something about what God expects from Scripture it seems to upset them. Why? Because they don’t want to give in to God’s will. But the delusion for them is they believe they are alright before the Lord. This is a battle that ensues day after day trying to get people to listen and yield to the will of God as He reveals it in His word.

Back in medieval times a king would often have a jester to entertain him especially when he was troubled. The jester would tell funny stories, perform tricks or whatever it took to amuse the king. Jester’s became known as “the king’s fool.”

There was a king who enjoyed his jester’s performances so much the king handed the royal scepter to the jester and said, *“If you ever find a fool greater than yourself, give this scepter to him!”* It wasn’t long after this the king fell deathly ill. As each day passed his condition worsened. He called for his jester to entertain to try to help pick up his spirit. When the jester arrived the king stated, *“Ah, jester, I fear that I am about to depart from this world on a long journey.”* The jester responded, *“Have you known about this journey for a long time?”* The king nodded and said, *“Well, yes!”* The jester then asked, *“Have you been preparing for this long journey along your way?”* The king replied, *“No, but I wanted to!”* The jester left the king’s chambers for a short time and returned bringing the royal scepter with him. *“This belongs to you for you are a greater fool than I!”*

God sent Jesus Christ to us, bringing the teachings of the truth from God revealing the will of God to man. Many grow in head knowledge but their life is wrapped around other things only to deceive themselves thinking they are doing the will of God. If we aren't growing to love the Lord Jesus more, to love His children, the church, with whom we will spend eternity with and to be committed to His cause we aren't doing the will of God. There must be a sincerity of heart (I Peter 1:22-24). The day you were baptized into Christ you were washed cleaned. That saved us initially but to be saved eternally will depend on our continued desire to walk in His Light and do His will. If we aren't preparing each day for eternity reaching to do His will we are playing the part of a fool. When our souls are called before God there will be one of two statements made: "*Well done!*" or "*You fool!*" Our response here and now will determine what we will hear. Think about it!!! Seriously think about it!!!!

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