

## WHAT'S GOD'S WILL OR PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE?

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I've got a question for you: have you ever made the statement or have heard others say, *"What's God's will or purpose for my life?"* In essence, we wonder (or should wonder) why God created and placed us here (i.e., this area on earth) at this point in time, in all of history. I've asked this question of myself, more than once. Pastors have delivered messages and books have been written on this very subject. The Holy Spirit whispered to my spirit that the revelation answer to this question is quite simply found in the Word; it's not so difficult. Maybe you already knew this but at my age, I surmise I've been a slow learner ☹ ...

The very words and actions of Jesus answer the question I've posed. Let's reflect on several instances from the living Word:

- Jesus said the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment (not a suggestion) is to **"love your neighbor as yourself."** - *Matt. 22:39*
- Jesus, speaking of those who will take part in the heavenly kingdom, said: **"I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was hungry, and you fed Me; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me."** - *Matt. 25:34-40*
- Jesus, during His restorative discourse with Peter, said: **"Tend My lambs" ... "Shepherd My sheep" ... "Tend My sheep."** He (Jesus) used the very same words He used when He first met Peter, **"Follow Me!"** - *John 21:15-19*
- We find throughout the gospels where Jesus was concerned and cared for His lost or hurting sheep (His children). He, quite often, met not only their physical needs (e.g., satisfying hunger, healing of the sick) but most importantly, their spiritual need (salvation).
- In His parting words on earth, Jesus issued the Great Commission for us to: **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."** - *Matt 28:19,20 & Mark 16:15-18*

In summary, if What Will I Do (WWID) aligns with What Would Jesus Do (WWJD), then we are perfectly in-sync with His purpose and plans for our lives, right?

Let's continue to fulfill the great commission given by our Lord; to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. – *James 1:22*

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