

Determine what the Lord's will is, and if the circumstances are propitious God is helping them accomplish His will. If the circumstances are interfering, the devil is interfering with our going forward to accomplish the Lord's will. We do not decide what God's will is by our feelings; we do not decide ordinarily in this age by dreams or visions. If we think we have leadings that ~~waze~~ way, we must test very very carefully. We do not decide by our circumstances; we decide by the Scriptures.

The Scripture is our guide for careful study to decide what its teachings are. God wants us to study Scripture and get our minds filled with it. So filled with it that he can lead us with His eye. He can bring to our minds those passages of Scripture we have already studied, which we have already worked through and which are important for the tasks He has for us. He does not say to open the Bible at random and thus find the answer to our problems.

There was one man who tried to do that. He said, I wonder what God's will is for me. Let's open the Bible. He opened it up and read, Judas went and hanged himself. He said, That's not much help; let's try it again. So he opened it again. It said, God thou and do likewise. Well, that's not much help. So I'll try a third time. So he tried the third time and it said, What thou doest do quickly!

The random selection of verses is not the Lord's way of leading us. God could have made us robots. He could have made it so He would press a button and we would go in one direction or the other. But that was not His will. He wanted to have creatures who would love Him and serve Him because they love Him rather than simply being machines that he would use as a man uses a horse or an automobile.

God has a purpose in our lives. He wants to lead us with His eye. Back in ~~28~~ 1918 there was a big epidemic of flu. It was my first year entering college. I think it was perhaps the worst epidemic of flu we're ever had. It spread like wildfire across the U.S. ~~More doctors and nurses died in the flu epidemic~~ than perhaps in any other flu epidemic in the past 100 years. It completely took your strength away.

There was a minister whom I knew when he was in Altoona, Pa. (not sure whether he was in Altoona at that time or not.) He was in his first pastorate, a rather young man. About 6 mo. before the flu epidemic came he had a little daughter born and his wife died in childbearing. He said, Why did God let this happen? He said, Here I am trying to make my life count for the Lord and make Him known. I'm trying to help people in their needs, and I'm trying to get His word out as much as possible and this lovely wife whom I love so much has been taken from me, and I'm left with the care of this little one. He could not understand how God could treat him that way!

But, he said, I believe God has a purpose in everything He does. My faith though it may ~~x~~ waver will not fail, and he