

Pastor Bill's
LITTLE KNOWN BIBLE FACTS
Living in God's Will-Step 4 Prophecy

One of the numerous examples where the cycles of “living in God’s will”, are found in the first chapter of Acts. Today we are focusing on “Step 4” demonstrated in v15-22 coming immediately following v14 continued prayer. You can find previous steps on our website (see below). Here we find “inspiration” or “prophecy” spoken by Peter who was obviously moved by the holy Ghost to explain what had happened to them by quoting the Scriptures. Two things are obvious. First Jesus often quoted Scriptures to identify himself and secondly Peter was no doubt searching the Word of God looking for direction.

Inspired, Peter declares to the group, who had been meeting together over a long period of time, that Scriptures had to be fulfilled v16, 20 and cited more than one place in support. (Scripture will always interpret Scripture)

Step 4 of being inspired by the Word of God is a natural outflow from believing in God, making a decision to obey God, and listening for instruction. If any of these steps are out of order, the result will rest not in God but in our own nature and consequently lead to disastrous results. What “I” think or what someone else thinks must always be tempered by what the Word of God says and have been guided by prayer and worshipful meditation over a period of time. Lack of patience of course is our natural enemy when seeking to be led by God in our life's decisions. The question we should be asking when we are not patient is “how is that working out for us”? Are we now willing to try it God's way.

Inspiration from God is always available for those who seek it with all their heart. God “stands at the door and knocks” waiting for us to open and let Him in. This is unlike evil which breaks the door down and demands attention and creates fear and trepidation in hopes of our making emotional and irrational choices. The “Good News” is that even if we make bad choices God in Christ stands ready to forgive and turn whatever problem we have created into “good”. The only unforgivable sin against God is “unbelief”. Satan will do everything in his power to convince you that you are unforgivable and unworthy of forgiveness. Both of those things are lies because Jesus has already paid for all of our sin. All we have to do is believe that fact and then live accordingly as a child of God.

Following the steps that will allow us to walk in His will takes time and patience but the results have eternal reward.

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