

God's will for your life is not a mystery and is easy to understand



36“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37Yeshua replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37-38

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When I was a younger man in my 20's & 30's I was very interested in getting a "word from the Lord" from other Believers. I would frequently run down to ministry times or anointed ministry speakers to see if they had something from God for me. Often I would have my tape recorder in hand to record what they received so that I could go back over what was said. I was primarily looking to receive greater clarity of my calling, the future, and what I was supposed to do with my life. I do believe there is benefit from supernatural revelation and that God does speak this way through others, but I wish I could have had a

conversation with my younger self and brought a greater degree of clarity on what was most important.

My contrived Older Self to Younger Self conversation might have gone something like this:

Older self: Hey little buddy, you don't have to strive so hard. I know what God's will is for your life.

Younger self: You do? Has God given you a word for me?

Older self: Yes, indeed He has.

Younger self: That's so cool - please tell me what He said.

Older self: God wants you to pursue the first and great commandment to love Him with everything in you.

Younger self: Oh, I thought you were going to tell me something really profound that I didn't already know like how I'm supposed to use my gifts, how I'm going to meet my wife, or how God is going to use me in awesome ways.

Older self: Nope, none of that. Those things will all take care of themselves. Relax and just focus more on growing in that more primary pursuit.

Younger self: (Unimpressed) - Ok, thanks

I'm pretty sure my younger self would not have been that impacted by that word - unless of course he knew that I had come back from the future as my older self to give it! That would have been quite a trip!

Many of us equate familiarity with a biblical truth (I certainly had heard that truth before) with actively pursuing it. There's a difference between cognitively understanding this commandment and actually being zealous to persistently pursue this and growing in this love. I don't want my familiarity with the concept of this commandment to steal earnest pursuit of it in my life.

This weekend in the groups, we are starting a time of looking at this Great Commandment with the intention of individually and corporately growing in this. I look forward to tomorrow and the weeks to come as we look at this commandment more closely.