

Are You Ready for God's Will?

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I am sitting here pondering Romans 12:2:

Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. (God's Word).

I often get asked how I know that what I am doing is what God wants me to do? How do I have so much faith to follow through on it? I try to explain that it is because I have given up any ideas I had about how the world does things, or how I thought God worked, or what I thought I wanted. I don't focus any more on what America considers successful. I focus on what God considers successful.

Then I get asked how I know what God considers successful? Well, really it's no mystery. He has outlined His concept of success very clearly in His Word. When you know the Word, and you know the person of Jesus Christ, you know what God's success plan looks like.

Then I come across people who say they know what God wants them to do, but then other people start telling them that it can't be God because surely God wants us to have lots of money, and the plan they are following won't bring lots of money. No, many times doing things God's way doesn't bring lots of money into your life, but it does bring lots of God into your life.

I also see people have no patience with what God has called them to do. Surely if God has called me to do it, that means it will happen right now, right?

Well, no. That's the mentality of our microwave society. We want it, and we want it now. Even waiting 30 seconds to reheat a cup of coffee can seem like to long to have to wait these days. And yet we may have to wait *years* for God's plan to come to fruit.

I was first given the call for the Dunamas™ Center back in 1991. Of course then it wasn't the Dunamas™ Center, but the vision of what the ministry God was giving me would encompass began to be spelled out for me in 1991. In 2001, 10 years later, I began the last leg of my personal development for the fulfillment of this call. Only I didn't know it was the last leg of the call He had given me in 1991. I had been through so many twisting, winding roads since then, and a very long time in the desert, that in some ways I had only one piece left in me of what God had said in 1991: "You will have an international ministry." Right.

In 2001 I began graduate school for my degrees in Psychology. In 2008 I finished those degrees and God had me open the Dunamas™ Center. In 2011 we are now an international ministry. 20 years later!

You see, I had to stop being like the people of the world, with an expectation for immediate results. I had to change the way I think about how God works, and what His timing looks like. I had be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. I discovered that what God really wants is nothing less than all of me, and *that* is His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Are you ready to change your mind about *your* independence, *your* rights, *your* desires. If the answer really is yes, then hold on to yourself because you are in for an exciting and wild roller coaster ride of letting go of your past hurts, your past need to see results immediately, your past desires, and...well...your past! Are you ready to be disciplined so that you can learn to change your mind?

The following is a breakout of some of the verses in Deuteronomy 8. Someone I know had felt led by God to write these portions in this way in order to show me what God has done with me and how to keep moving in His directions

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today. Remember how the LORD your God led you to humble you, and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in His ways and revering Him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land where bread will be, where you will lack nothing.

Praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God. Then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who give you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

If you ever forget the LORD your God, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.