

"My Way or the Highway"

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"My Way or the Highway" is a well used cliché, How about, "My Way or God's Way" this should cause many a Christian to tremble. Because My Way if it's not God's Way will soon be changed. Either through learning to wait on God's timing or if we get our way for a bit we may face a few trials along the way, so that we see we need God's Way.

Sometimes it seems like something is so right. Then as things don't seem to be working out in your timing, it seems like their not right.

There is one major thing wrong with the above thought. That is "Your timing" it may not seem to be working out in your timing but it God's overall picture it may be, or if your timing is with God's timing then its not working out.

How do you know if your timing and God's way and timing match up?

Almost every circumstance, situation, instance is different. Here are a few things to help you through these decisions. The steps are applied to a certain decision, however these may be applied to other decisions as well.

1. Is it Biblical?

This is the first test anything and everything should be ran through.

Whether it be finding a home, a mate, a church. I will work through an example following an outline.

An example of finding a mate. (This is approached from a man's perspective.

I would recommend this for a woman as well. Replacing gender terms as needed.)

1. A man is to find a mate in a woman, not in another man.
 - a. If it's a man **stop** here, this is unBiblical and clearly against God's Way.
 - b. If its a woman, it's Biblical but is it the right person.
2. Is she a Christian? If not **stop** here.
3. Next will your Biblical doctrine and hers match up?
4. Will your values be similar, same?
5. Life goals similar, same?

2. Prayer sought.

Seek God's will continually in prayer over this decision.

1. This should go hand in hand with "Is it Biblical".
2. Sometimes as we seek God's will in prayer it is clouded by our own will. This makes a hard decision even harder.
3. Strive continually to forsake self, and to submit unto God.
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3. Put your Trust in God.

Have peace in this as a Christian, for God hath said.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he [God] hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrew 13:5

1. Put your rest in God.
2. Be content, though you may want to work your way unto marriage. As you know you cannot work your way unto salvation. There is a similarity in marriage God

will provide. If it's the wrong woman no matter how hard you work ye may attain marriage with her but being against God's will it will not be nearly as fulfilling marriage as if it were of God's will.

3. Know that if it is God's will for you to marry He will provide the proper woman.
 4. Shyness, is something very hard to deal, you for sure must put your trust in God. I know this because I'm a very shy, perhaps just quiet person as well.
 5. **God will not leave thee nor forsake thee.**
4. Fellow Christian advice.
Doubts may still plague you.
1. Look not unto yourself, but unto other godly Christian, Men and women.
 2. I would recommend someone that knows you deeply.
5. Be friends.
1. Be friendly, kind, courteous for it may be right, but don't be committed until it is God's will. In being friendly you may find out if it is God's will once you have done many if not all of the above steps.
 2. For how will you know her values, doctrines, life goals, without being a friend?

In Conclusion.

It will be easier for you in the long run if you follow God's Way in all your decisions. Come unto the throne of God with a broken heart, with sincerity, and diligence, praying often, continually.