

Pastor Bill's
LITTLE KNOWN BIBLE FACTS
Living in God's Will-Step 6 Praise

One of the numerous examples, where cycles of “living in Gods will”, are found in the first chapter of Acts. Today we are focusing on “step 6” demonstrated throughout the book of Acts. (see our website for the first 5 steps)

Cycles repeat themselves in an orderly fashion, each step following the other. I have found the same is true when we are in the “cycle” of being in God's will. Jesus tells us in Matthew 11:29-30 “take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and yee shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” The very vision of a yoke is that of moving forward to accomplish work. When a yoked team pulls together, then the purpose is easy and the load light. If you have ever driven or watched a team of mules or oxen pulling, you would understand the need for teamwork. In this case, we are to be yoked with Jesus through the holy Ghost. We are to walk with and not ahead or behind in order be in step with God's plan for our life.

Once we have experienced a task being prompted by the Word, Worship and Pray for guidance we are called to Praise God for the experience. Often we feel the experience has been negative or of no value. However, we are to praise God in “all” things as all things work together for good, for those who love God. This praise in the face of a bad experience is often most difficult. It is at these times when God will carry us through His grace when we learn to lean on Him and trust Him. It is at these times in my life that I have learned to keep walking through the pain, remembering that it is in eternity that we receive a final victory and reward.

Sometimes the praise is so good that we want to stay in that place and experience the event over and over again, much like the desire of the disciples upon the mountain of Transfiguration. But here too, Jesus reminded them that the work had to continue and they were to leave behind the euphoric feelings and move forward to new experiences and new tasks. We must learn to praise God for our experiences and move on to Step 7 where He is waiting for us to arrive.

For more information on the spiritual cycle, contact Pastor Bill or Linda Pulscher through our website at www.ChristianMissionConnection.org