

“Serpents, Doves, & Mules”

Knowing and Doing God’s Will

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I. Paul’s Open Door

2 Corinthians 2:12 - Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ [I] found that the Lord had opened a door for me there.

II. Clarifying “God’s Will”

1. A _____ View

2. Two Senses of “God’s Will” in the Bible

A. God’s _____ will.

Ephesians 1:8-12 - With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

B. God’s _____ will.

i. Revealed in _____.

ii. Revealed in _____.

III. Serpents, Doves, Mules

1. Be Like a: _____.

2. Be Like a: _____.

3. *Don't* Be Like a: _____.

Psalm 32:8-9 - I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

IV. Revisiting Paul's Open Door

2 Corinthians 2:12-14 - Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, ¹³I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia. ¹⁴But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.