

# DIFFERENT

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## Introduction Questions

What do you think it means to live for God?

In what ways is this the same for all believers & in what ways will it differ from believer to believer?

Where do you fall short in living for God? Why?

Where do you think you do well in living for God? Why?

## I. PRIORITIZE

Make following God's will your PRIORITY in life. 1 Peter 4:1-6

- Will - Thelema - to live to PLEASE God, you have this PURPOSE directing you. It is an expression of pleasure, a want or desire that pleases God & creates joy in you.

## Swept Along by the Current of God's Will

A. God desires to SAVE. 2 Peter 3:9

B. The Bible is God's REVEALED will. 2 Timothy 3:16

C. It is God's will that His followers be FILLED with & CONTROLLED by the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:17-18, Galatians 5:19-23

## Discerning God's Specific Direction in Your Life

- How will this decision use your God-given GIFTS? It's poor stewardship to spend your life in a position which needs somebody else's gifts.
- Seek out godly COUNSELORS & listen to them with an OPEN heart.
- Are your motives pure? Ask God to SEARCH your HEART & see if there be any waywardness there.
- If you still are not getting clarity on a decision then follow Proverbs 16:9 & make your plans COUNTING on God to DIRECT your steps.

## II. URGENCY

Make following God an URGENT endeavor. 1 Peter 4:7-9

## III. SERVICE

Use whatever gift God has graced you with to SERVE others.

By doing this you become God's instrument of GRACE. 1 Peter 4:10-11

## Reflection

Sometimes we look for the perfect service fit to our giftedness before serving, when we should do is to be willing to serve bringing our GIFTEDNESS to that service. Romans 12:3-8

## Outcome

In all things, the goal is to bring PRAISE & GLORY to God by living for Him through Jesus Christ.

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

Our 46th annual Thanksgiving Festival (TFest) will be held on Sunday, November 20. As we enter the busy holiday season, we invite you to take a break & enjoy time with other GracePointers! A free brunch of scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, & breakfast potatoes will be served after each service in the Great Room. This is the perfect day to invite a guest to church & enjoy a free meal! If you would like to volunteer, please go to [gpw.church/TFest](http://gpw.church/TFest).

## MEALS ON WHEELS

We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels November 21 through November 23 & November 28 through December 2. We need drivers & helpers to pick up meals at the Brookings Activity Center (just north of the Brookings Public Library) by 11 a.m. Monday - Friday & deliver to area residents who are homebound. Please sign up at [gpw.church/meals](http://gpw.church/meals), if you can help. We only have 4 spots left to fill!

## HY-VEE RECEIPTS FOR PRESCHOOL

GracePoint Preschool collects Brookings Hy-Vee Receipts (grocery & gas). The receipts are used to earn funds for our preschool program. All receipts can be placed in the designated bin outside the church office. Thank you for helping us provide a quality & affordable Christian education!

