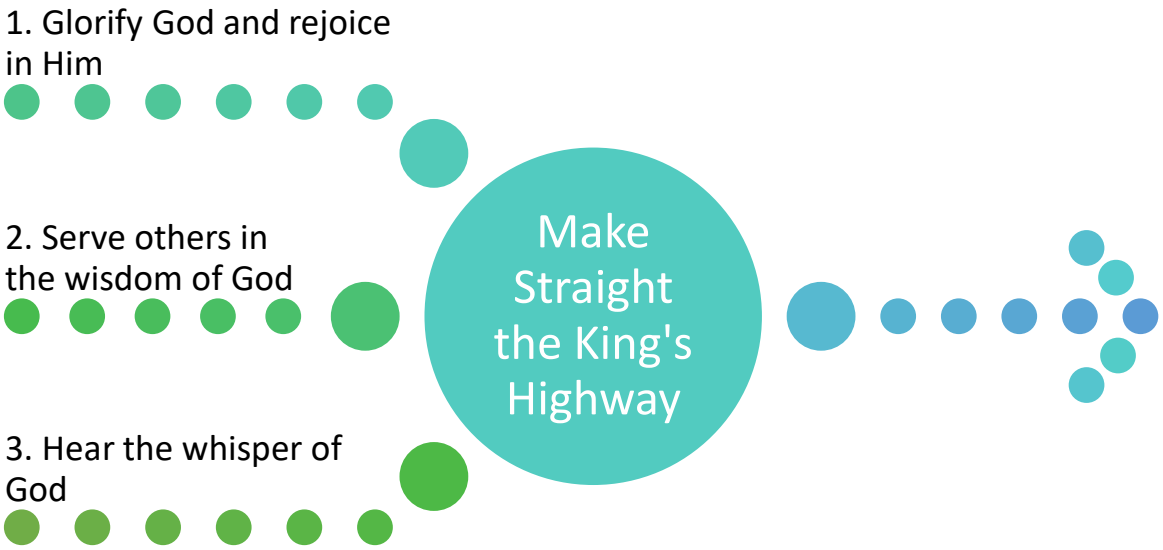
Make Straight the King's Highway: Three Steps to Following God's Will in Your Business

Note: this is mostly a transcript so isn't super-edited! I want you to have something in your hands though. Bless you, thank you for your time, and I'm praying for you!



Step One: Glorify God

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. (Ps. 86:12)

"Question: What is the chief end of man?
Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." (Westminster Catechism)

To glorify God is, first, to be saved because we have accepted the salvation from the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross; and to accept new life from His Resurrection.

It is then praising and blessing him and glorifying God in the actions that we take for his name. Now that is as small as the Bible says, giving a cup of cold water to a little kid. Jesus goes so far to say that if you do that much, you won't lose your salvation.

Christian entrepreneurs are also meant to serve God in our businesses. In Him we also serve others, and we ourselves grow. I often say that for Christians, our businesses are the leading edge of spiritual growth.

So, when you are making decisions about your businesses, I want to tell you something that God told me about this process, that I believe may make the decision-making process faster and better in line with God's will. In this process, we have our priorities and practices in the best order.

So, let's start-- not with worksheets or mind maps or group brainstorming -- but by glorifying God. Praise him and thank him, and ask that whatever decision you are facing, whatever you should best do to reach that new goal, that he guide you in all things, and allow you to bless the world.

Step Two: Serve Others in the Wisdom of God

Then we will ask the Lord to bless us with wisdom and knowledge for what the people we serve need. You've probably have done that and that's good. Demographics and psychographics absolutely have their places as you decide who you serve and what they need. But there is a greater question that we may or may not be asking. And here it is: Lord, please whatever I do for these people to fulfill the deepest desires of their hearts.

You mostly won't know what the deepest desires of someone else's heart that God territory were not even always sure of our own it's the Holy Spirit who looks deeply into our minds and spirits and knows what we truly long for. There is nothing wrong with getting and having what you need to live and grow and prosper.

People need houses, they need shelter. They need transportation. They need food. They need education for their children.

And in business, they you need ways to reach your customers these would qualify as deepest desires that they are the practical framework of creation.

And we serve people within this perspective because that is what we are meant to do. To help them grow their businesses, to deliver world changing speeches, to gain health through healthy lifestyles, that's what we are called to do.

But within the perspective of your business calling, stop. Ask the Lord to bring you people that through his grace, you may influence for greater more abundant life. And as some of your cases when you're working with non-Christians, to influence them toward salvation. What could be more important? And if you pray, the Holy Spirit will use you to help people be saved and help believers to live a life of high purpose and holy meaning.

For example, just this morning I get to lead Christian influencers in healing and following the will of God, which will in turn impact hundreds of their listeners. How exciting is that?!

Step Three: Hear the Whisper of God

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory. (ps. 73:24)

2 Kings, the story of Elijah, Ahab, and the still, small voice of God.

When Queen Jezebel issues the execution order, Elijah runs, ending up 40 days and 40 nights later on sacred Mt. Horeb.

God asks, and Elijah does hear Him as he always has before: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

What he said next is perfectly understandable. But we must read it in a specific tone, because Elijah will repeat the question in a minute and get an entirely different answer.

This first time he says: "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

1. Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind.

2. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

3. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.

Get this -- Elijah is used to hearing God in huge events. The wind, earthquake, and fire: glorious and miraculous events were God used him used Elijah to work miracles. But this time, God's voice came in a gentle whisper. At last, Elijah recognized the spirit of God speaking in a very quiet voice.

Then the Lord asked the same question: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

And Elijah TOLD HIM EXACTLY THE SAME WORDS… but his attitude was entirely different. He said: "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

Then the Lord told Elijah EXACTLY what to do, where to go, and who to talk to. He answered the same questions He didn't answer the first time! Because now, Elijah was listening.

Are you listening? Not only with your mind, but also with your imagination, in silence? Are you taking walks in nature to hear the word of God and his creation? Are you writing down your dreams? Are you reading the Bible, both to study His word which is vitally important, but also to hear the word of the Holy Spirit directly to you? Are you meditating and praying that Scripture back, and sitting in silence to hear what God has to say to you?

Here's how: Imaging prayer, meditative prayer, praying Scripture; any Christian practice that allows you to listen to the Spirit in the Word and in prayer. Hallelujah!

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