

Not Quite a Nun: Discovering What God Would Have You Do
Acts 13:1-3 & 44-52

Deep in our hearts, we want to know _____ God would have us do and _____ to do it to be _____ to Him. But how? A good place to start is to look at the approach employed by _____ and the _____ in Acts 13 as they sought to know God's purpose and plans for them.

The text says, "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said..." In Antioch they set aside time to be _____ to the Lord and His will for their lives. It was during a time of _____ and sacrificial devotion that God blessed them with the specific way they should fit into His work. So, God gives His direction for our lives as we _____ ourselves seriously in worship, especially with His gathered people. If you want to discover God's plan and will for your life, worship with God's people has to be elevated from a brief _____ of the _____ toward heaven, to a season of _____, _____ acknowledgment of His holiness, glory, and absolute Lordship over your life. Give it the best of your time, energy, and devotion and see if in the midst of it, God by His Spirit won't give you His best _____ for your life.

But God gives us the details of how to carry out His plans through His _____. Paul pursued God's stated will for him in a way that honored what was taught in Scripture. He went to the Jew first, then to the Gentiles. Paul was acting _____ but in God's providence, it was _____. The synagogue was the perfect " _____ " to launch a movement into the wider Gentile city.

Paul knew to apply what God told Joshua in Joshua 1:8 and what David proclaimed in Psalm 119:105. How many _____ have gone _____ in our lives because we fail to read and implement the instructions of God's word.

We can listen well and hear the voice of God best _____ He speaks. He speaks most clearly when we _____ and when we give attention to His _____.