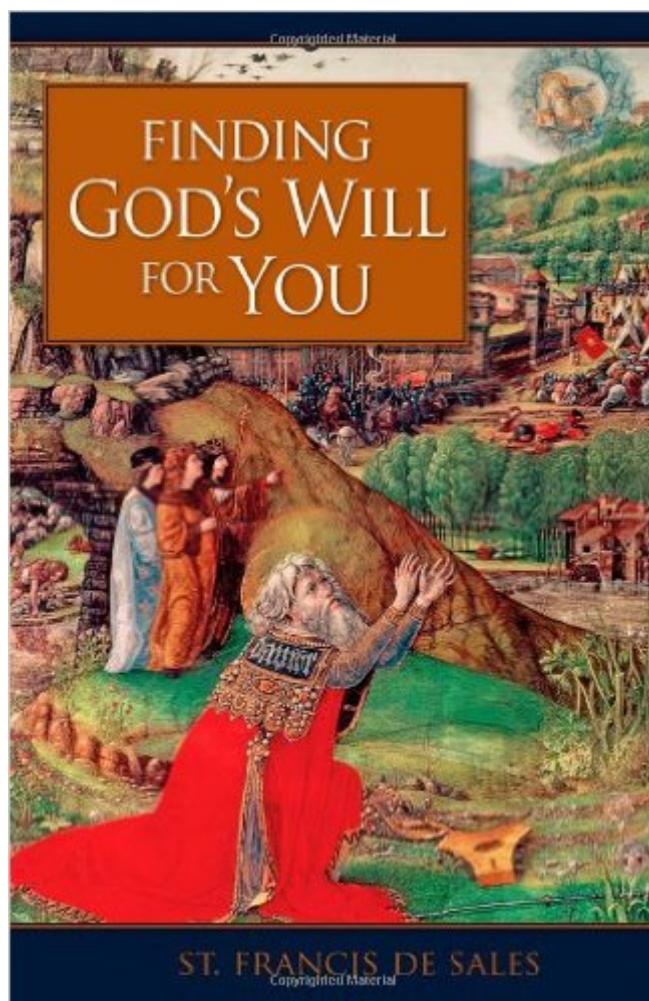


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Finding God's Will For You



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If your life seems to make no sense, or if you don't know which path to take, St. Francis de Sales will console and inform you. In this warm little book, he explains to you what God's will is and how He reveals it yes, even to you, and even in the seemingly random events of your life. No matter what you're going through now (or may have gone through), you'll see why you should love and trust in God's will and long for its fulfillment. Best of all, you'll learn a sure method for discovering God's will in any situation today! As you begin to discern God's loving hand even in seemingly chaotic events, St. Francis de Sales will lead your mind and your heart to the still waters of God's gentle consolation. From St. Francis de Sales you'll learn: Four signs that your heart conforms to God's will does yours How to accept God's will even when it seems terrifying and painful Sacred inspirations: not just for the prophets. The many ways God may be knocking on your door -- now! Changing your life's direction: how to spot and avoid all-too-common dangers The simple rule of charity: how it can help you make vital decisions Are you as mature in the virtues as God wills you to be? How to distinguish zeal for God's will from selfish arrogance Three ways you can recognize a thought or sentiment that comes from God The key ingredient that makes all your actions pleasing to God: can you name it? Making decisions: practical advice to help you distinguish between times when you should move slowly and carefully, and when you should act quickly, without undue time for deliberation

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Customer Reviews

Let me state right off the bat that St. Frances de Sales is my *guy.* After having read an article about him in "The Word Among Us" magazine that told how his patience and perseverance in Geneva brought thousands of Calvinists back to the Church, I was so impressed that I chose him as my Confirmation saint when I entered the Church almost two years ago. His "An Introduction to the Devout Life" I would give ten stars if I could - I consider it *the* silver-bullet book on how to live devotionally without actually being cloistered. But after reading this through twice, I was still left wondering: okay, so how DO I "find God's will for me?" The book is very much a continuous and lingering meditation on a single theme, and in that sense can be taken as quite aesthetically pleasing. But the one theme seems to be, not "finding God's will," but "living in complete passivity." The word St. Francis uses is here translated as "complacency," which is I suppose to be taken in a not-negative sense of "peacefulness." But overall what seemed to be going on as an unspoken assumption is that "whatever happens" is God's will, so the key to being in conformity with it is just complete submission to everything that happens. With the book understood as pointing just to that assumption, I found it quite unsatisfying - in fact, isn't the assumption that "every event that happens is specifically God's will" part and parcel of the Calvinism that the "gentleman saint" fought against? Then immediately after finishing the book for the second time, I chanced to pick Thomas Merton's No Man Is an Island (which I haven't read yet) off the shelf.

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