



# Design: Is not content with the status quo, always striving for God's highest

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Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1 Meditate on Acts 20:24; 1 Corinthians 9:22-27; Philippians 3:12-14. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Design for yourself some challenging tasks and rely on God for breakthroughs when performing them.	Invite several friends or co-workers to pray with you. Share with them the things that you want to do but are not quite clear yet. Pray with them to seek God's will.	Study Acts 20:24; 1 Corinthians 9:22-27; Philippians 3:12-14.
2 Meditate on Philippians 3:12-14. Are you always pressing on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of you? Are you letting wrong goals replace God's will for you?	Make a workout plan based on your physical conditions and goals for health. Do not let yourself feel content with the status quo of your health – workout persistently until you reach those goals.	Build a small group of spiritual people and gather together regularly. When you are together, share with each other your specific burdens and guidance from God. Pray together for each member's work and ministry and seek God's highest will together.	Prepare a teaching on at least two of the following passages: Ephesians 5:15-17; John 12:26, Ezekiel 16:49; Luke 12:19; Psalm 107:10-12
3 Meditate on longing for God (Hosea 6:3; Psalm 63:1-8), and pray that you would have the same passion to know God and His will.	Consider your eating habits and make goals for healthy eating. Then change your diet accordingly.	Invite spiritually-mature friends or co-workers to evaluate your spiritual life, daily life, and ministry. Ask them to give you advice. Learn from their examples.	Study people from the Bible who strived to live for God's highest (for instance, Paul); see Acts 9, Philippians 3:12-14 and 2 Timothy 4:6-9). What were the results?
4 Pray using Romans 12:1-2, asking God to constantly renew your mind, to redeem you from your past, traditions, habits and self, that you would be able to understand God's will and seek it.	In regard to loving and serving others, ask God to help you to break through past experiences and methods. Design a challenging goal for service, such as starting a new ministry or expanding an old one.	Find a partner to hold you accountable and to remind/encourage you to strive for God's highest.	Study one or two people in the Bible who did not pursue God's highest but instead chose selfish gain. What were the consequences?
5 Pray that you would have a love for God and a willingness to serve people, not just for the purpose of doing a task but to seek God's highest will.	Make a daily devotional plan to seek God's guidance by meeting with Him more often.	Communicate with mentors (spiritual parents) who have consistently sought God's highest. Affirm their strengths and learn from their example.	Find and study books on not remaining satisfied with the status quo and pursuing God's highest will (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
6 Worship God for His mighty works and attributes, using songs related to proclaiming His will.	Choose a spiritual challenge to meet, like doing a longer fast, praying for longer periods, going on a spiritual retreat, etc.	Interview mature believers about how they sought God's highest will. Look for opportunities to serve with them, noticing how they seek God's will when facing challenges and pressures.	Notice people and things that are around you (small) and people and things that are happening in the world (big). Read or watch major social or international news sources; seek out information from authoritative organizations. Ask God to use what you learn to speak to you, so that you can understand His will as it relates to your circumstances.
7 Wait for God in silence; practice listening to His voice, living in His guidance (John 10:27). Meditate on the events of your life and seek God's highest will for each circumstance.	Evaluate your relationships with those around you. Ask God to give you His eyes to view others and seek His heart for them. Use the Word of God to encourage and affirm them once every day.	Ask your friends, family, or co-workers to evaluate your status quo and your weaknesses, and to help you identify the causes that hinder you from seeking God's highest will. Ask them to give you help and advice.	Listen to sermons, teaching, or podcasts on this topic.
8 Reflect on and evaluate your life and ministry to see if you have been fixing your eyes on Christ. Make adjustments if you have not, redirecting your eyes to fix on Jesus. Reflect: What was your goal when you were first called by God? Have you deviated from this goal? Have you lost your desire for the Word of God and fellowship with God during the process? If so, why?	Act on every burden that God puts in your heart; do not ignore the Spirit's promptings. When following through, consistently seek God's will with a humble and open heart.		Listen to audio teachings on Spiritual Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
9 Reflect: What was your goal when you were first called by God? Have you deviated from this goal? Have you lost your desire for the Word of God and fellowship with God during the process? If so, why?	Draw two pictures with Philippians 3:13-14a ("Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal.") on the top and the words "Not content with the status quo, always striving for God's highest" at the bottom. Hang one picture on the door and the other near your bed, to remind you when you leave and when you go to bed. Speak these words to yourself daily.		Read biographies of great people. Notice how they understood God's will for them step by step. Imitate their examples.
10 Reflect: Have you been living in contentment with the status quo? How can you make adjustments to the status quo in order to strive for God's highest will?			Read Chapter 2 in Leading: SpiritBuilt Leadership #3 by Malcolm Webber.