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## The Knowledge of

# His Will

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**After a person is saved there is nothing more important in their life than knowing and doing the will of God.  
If you miss the will of God, you have missed God's purpose for you being in this world.**

### The Following Lesson Focuses On Four Simple Truths:

1. **God has a specific will for you.**

**Psalm 37:23** - "*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*"

2. **God's will is good.**

**Romans 12:2** - "*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*"

3. **God wants you to know His will for your life.**

**Ephesians 5:17** - "*Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*"

4. **Every sincere Christian will enjoy God's will.**

**Psalm 40:8** - "*I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*"

### Only God Is Capable of Guiding Us Because...

A. **God knows us as no one else does.**

**Psalm 139:1-4** - "*O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.*"

B. **God knows the future as no one else does.**

**Isaiah 46:10** - "*Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*"

C. God has a purpose for each of us as no one else does.

**Jeremiah 1:5** - “Before **I formed thee** in the belly **I knew thee**; and before thou camest forth out of the womb...”

**John 15:16** - “**I have chosen you**, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...”

**Psalm 139:17-18** - “**How precious also are thy thoughts unto me**, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

**Do Not Plan Your Life And Then Pray For God To Agree With Your Plans**

**NOTE:** Our godless Christ-hating society teaches that you are one among millions of evolutionary accidents on a random course heading toward the grave. It is not true. You are very special to God. You are so special to Him that He sent His Son to die for you. You are so special that He wants you to find His will for your life.

## How To Miss God’s Will For Your Life:

**James 4:1-17**

### Praying With a Motive To Satisfy Your Will Rather Than Glorifying God.

**Verse 3** - “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

- The Greek word **lusts** here is - *hēdonē* - It is translated “**pleasures of this life**” in Luke 8:14.
- Pleasures here refers to our being more concerned with doing what we want to do without any concern if it is acceptable with God.
- We are commanded in the Word of God to be always, “*Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*” (Ephesians 5:1)

### Friendship With Worldly People.

**Verse 4** - “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

- **Ephesians 5:11** commands us to “...have no **fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

### Refusing To Humble Yourself.

- **Verse 6** - “God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the **humble**.”
- **Verse 10** - “**Humble** yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

### Refusing To Submit To God In Every Area of Your Life.

**Verse 7-8** - “**Submit** yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts**, ye double minded.”

- **To submit is to** - “...**yield** to the authority and to the will of God.”
- **To submit is to** - “...**give up**.”
- **Verse 17** - “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”
- **To refuse to submit is to rebel** - **First Samuel 15:23** - “...**rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee...**”

# We Do Not Need To Find God's Will God's Will Is In Plain Sight In God's Word.

**Psalm 119:11** - "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

**It is God's will for us to** "...be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." (Colossians 1:9).

For this reason God made it readily available for us in His Word.

**To find something is to** *"discover or perceive by chance or unexpectedly."*

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*  
(Psalm 119:105)

**The will of God is plainly presented in the Word of God.**

**Colossians 4:12** - "...that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

- **Mark 3:35** - "...do the will of God..."
- **Romans 1:10** - "...a prosperous journey by the will of God..."
- **Romans 8:27** - "...the saints according to the will of God."
- **Romans 15:31** - "...by the will of God..."
- **First Corinthians 1:1** - "...through the will of God..."
- **First Corinthians 2:1** - "...by the will of God..."
- **Second Corinthians 8:5** - "... the will of God."
- **Galatians 1:4** - "...according to the will of God..."
- **Ephesians 1:1** - "...by the will of God..."
- **Ephesians 6:6** - *"...doing the will of God from the heart."*
- **Colossians 1:1** - "...by the will of God..."
- **Colossians 4:12** - "...that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."
- **First Thessalonians 4:3** - "For this is the will of God..."
- **First Thessalonians 5:18** - "...this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."
- **Second Timothy 1:1** - "...by the will of God..."
- **Hebrews 10:36** - "...after ye have done the will of God..."
- **First Peter 2:15** - "For so is the will of God..."
- **First Peter 3:17** - "... the will of God be so..."
- **First Peter 4:2** - "...to the will of God."
- **First Peter 4:19** - "...according to the will of God..."
- **First John 2:17** - "...he that doeth the will of God..."

## Some Things That God Wants Everyone To Know.

### 1. Salvation

- **Second Peter 3:9** - "The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

### 2. Separation

- **Second Corinthians 6:17** - "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

### 3. Submission

- **James 4:7** - "Submit yourselves therefore to God."

#### 4. Spirit-led

- **John 16:13** - “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”

#### 5. Suffering

- **Second Timothy 3:12** - “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”
- **First Peter 2:20** - “...if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.”
- **First Peter 3:14** - “But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled.”
- **First Peter 4:16** - “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”
- **First Peter 4:19** - “Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.”
- **First Peter 4:12** - “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:”

#### 6. Saying Thank You

- **First Thessalonians 5:18** - “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

## How To Discern Will of God In Everyday Decisions

### 1. Obedience To The Written Will of God Is A Prerequisite.

- If you are not willing to obey the obvious will of God why would He reveal anything else to you?
- You must agree to do God’s will before He will reveal it to you.
- Act 9:6** - “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”
- God’s will is not a menu from which you can choose whatever fit your will.
- Jesus said - “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.” (John 10:10).
- Trusting God is a prerequisite to knowing His will.
- Psalm 7:1** - “O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust...”

### 2. Though you may not find a specific verse or passage of Scripture that fits your life situation, you will find a specific Biblical principle that will help you determine God’s will for today.

- **Psalm 119:105** - “Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
- **James 1:5** - “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” **God answers prayer.**

### 3. Godly counsel that God has put in your life.

- **Proverbs 11:14** - “Where no counsel is, the people fall...”
- **Proverbs 1:5** - “...a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.”
- **Proverbs 1:25** - “But ye have set at nought all my counsel...I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;”

**4. God has promised to put His desires in the heart of the person who delights in Him.**

- **Psalm 37:4** - *“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”*

**5. Direction from The Holy Spirit.**

- **John 16:13** - *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”*
- **Romans 8:16** - *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit...”*

**6. Confirmation from the Trinity.**

**a. Three Green Lights!**



**1. God The Father...***The providence of God.*

**2. God The Son...** *“The Word.”*

**3. God The Holy Spirit...** *“Guide you into all truth.”*

**a.** *The Holy Spirit is always in total harmony with the Word of God*

## When God Is Silent

**God’s delays are not denials.**

**Mark 6:48** - *“And **he saw them toiling in rowing**; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.”*

**John 11:6-7** - *“When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.”*

**God has a purpose in delaying.**

Delays teach us lasting lessons. Delays are not denials. God knows what is best for us and He knows when things are best for us.