

The Will of God

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I. Introduction.

II. Desiring God's will. (Matthew 6:10)

A. We must first know God's will to desire it. (Colossians 1:9)

1. God does have a will for your life. (Ephesians 5:9-11)

2. God's plan is a good one. (Romans 12:2)

3. God's will has basic guidelines. The details will never contradict the guidelines. (1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18; 1 Peter 2:15; 4:19; John 6:39)

a. Sanctification.

b. Continual thanksgiving.

c. Well doing.

d. Suffering.

e. Ultimate glory.

B. We must understand God's will to desire it. (Ephesians 5:17, Colossians 1:9, 1 Peter 4:1-2)

1. With a basic knowledge our hearts can come to grips with the truth.

2. We seek to be filled with and understanding of God's will.

III. Discovering God's will.

A. We discover God's will when our spiritual condition is right. (Romans 12:1-2)

B God's will is spiritually revealed. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

C. God operates on spiritual principles. The conditions must be fulfilled and then the promise can be claimed.

1. Proverbs 3:5-6.

a. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

b. Lean not on your own understanding.

c. God will direct your path.

2. Psalm 37:4-5.

a. Delight yourself in the Lord.

- b. Commit your way in the Lord.
- c. Trust in the Lord.
- d. God will give you the desires of your heart. God is the responsible one.

D. Discerning God's will for a major decision.

- 1. Convictions.
- 2. Circumstances.

IV. Doing God's will. (Ephesians 6:6, Hebrews 13:21, Philippians 2:12-13)

Application questions:

1. Which guideline for God's will stood out to you the most? What struck you about it?

2. How would you counsel someone trying to discern God's will?

3. Why is it important to recognize that we must fulfill conditions in order to receive the promises?
