

# The Will of God

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Col 1:9-10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Rom 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.

Eph 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

- I. To know and do the will of God is the result of a right relationship with God.
  - A. It is not a guessing game.
    - 1. Open or closed doors
  - B. It is not a gambling game.
    - 1. Fleeces and tests to discern God's Will.
  - C. It is not someone else's responsibility or right to discern God's Will for you.
    - 1. No one knows the inner workings of God in the life of someone else.
  - D. It is not an insurance policy against suffering, sickness, hardship, and problems.
    - 1. The Will of God should not be sought in fear like that.
  - E. It IS about knowing God and walking with Him!

- II. To DO the will of God is to do his pleasure, his choice, his desire, his determination.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- A. To DO the will of God you must know him intimately.
  - 1. It is because of a relationship based on love.
  - 2. It is so important that children be taught to obey because this is important training make them able to discern God's Will.
- B. To DO the will of God you must be submitted to him completely.

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Psa 143:10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

- III. To KNOW the will of God you must be faithful to him.

1 Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

- A. To KNOW the will of God you must know him intimately.
- B. To KNOW the will of God you must know him through his Word.
- C. You must do away with all your preconceived opinions

- D. You must do away with all your prejudiced opinions (based on your own desires and preferences).

IV. To KNOW the Will of God sometimes includes suffering.

1 Pet 3:17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Pet 4:1-2 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

1 Pet 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.

V. There are some things that are specifically pointed out as part of God's Will in his Word.

1 Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1 Pet 2:13-15 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ... For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

VI. The benefits of knowing and doing God's Will.

- A. It is evidence and a guarantee of eternal life:

1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

- B. You get understanding and discernment about what is of God and what is not:

John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

- C. You have true fellowship with Christ and with his people.

Mark 3:35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

- D. You are able to stand and be perfect and complete in Christ:

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

- E. You actually receive the promises that God has offered for those who will seek Him:

Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.