

DISCERNING & DOING GOD'S WILL Pt. 6 (Romans 12:2c)

III. THE END IN VIEW OF THIS GRACE EXHORTATION. (12:2c)

A. The DISCERNING and DOING of God's Will... "*that you may prove...the will of God.*"

1. God has a WILL - principally, personally, and providentially for your life and the ages. (Rom. 12:2c; Psalm 23:1-3; 32:8-9; 37:23-24; 73:23-24; Prov. 3:5-7; Jn 21:18-19; Acts 20:24; 2 Tim. 4:7; Heb. 12:1-2;)
2. God has a will that may be KNOWN or UNDERSTOOD. (Rom. 12:2c; Prov 3:5-7; Prov. 28:26; Jer.10:23; Eph. 5:15-17)
3. God's will is found *principally* in the WORD OF GOD. (Psalm 119:105; Prov. 28:26; Isa. 55:8-11; John 7:17; 2 Tim. 3:15-17)
4. God's will is that you be ...
 - a) _____ and come to know Him personally & relationally. (1 Tim. 2:3-6)
 - b) _____. (Eph. 5:17-21; Col. 3:16)
 - c) _____. (Rom.12:2; 2 Peter 3:18)
 - d) _____. (1 Thess. 4:1-8)
 - e) _____. (1 Peter 2:11-16)
 - f) _____ for the _____. (1 Peter 3:13-18)
 - Why is there suffering in the world?
 - 1) _____ SIN. (Romans 5:12; Genesis 3)
 - 2) _____ SINS. (Job 14:1; Rom.1:28-32)
 - 3) OUR _____ SINS. (Gal.6:7; 1 Peter 4:15)
 - 4) _____. (Job 1-2; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
 - 5) SUFFERING FOR THE _____. (Jn.15:18-16:4)
 - 6) GOD'S _____ PURPOSES. (Gen.45:5-9; 50:20; John 9:1-3)
 - 7) GOD'S LOVING _____ TOWARDS HIS CHILDREN (Hebrews 12:5-11)
 - If we suffer as believers, what should be the reason for this?
 - If you suffer for righteousness sake, in what ways should you respond?
 - In suffering, what should you be ready to give? What should you not suffer for?
 - Who is the supreme example of experiencing undeserved suffering in doing God's will?

g) _____ . (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

- Are we to be thankful “for” everything?
- What does “give thanks” mean? Why are you to do this?
- Is this to be true in the trials or tests that you face? Why?
- Does God take complaining seriously? Do you?
- What 2 attributes of God do you need to trust in order to be thankful in all things? Why?
- What about the permissive will of God?
- What about the unknown or unrevealed will of God such as what job to take, who should I marry, etc.?

5. God’s unrevealed will can be discerned and done when you ...

a) **Remember to always start with the** _____ .

b) **Realize any biblical** _____ **that apply.**
What are some examples of considering biblical priorities to be maintained?

c) **Rely on the unfailing** _____ . What are some of these?

d) **Recognize the immense value of specific** _____ . (James 1:5)

e) **Realize that God leads specifically** _____ . (Ps. 37:23-24; 21:14; Hebrews 11:8)

f) **Remember to factor in the** _____ . (James 4:13-17)

- Where does planning fit into God’s will? How are you to discern circumstances?
- How do your feelings, desires, and preferences fit into God’s will?

B. The DESCRIPTION of God's Will ... "what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect..."

1. These words inform us that God's will is _____ .

2. These words imply that God's will is _____ for you. (Prov. 16:20; 22:19)