

CrossRoads Baptist Church
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Romans 12: 1-2

The Will of God

John 4:34 “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me...”

In the Garden, Jesus prayed, “Not my will, but thy will be done.”

Matthew 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

II Corinthians 1: 1 “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God...”

God is not playing hide-and-seek with us about the will of God. God wants us to know the will of God more than we want to know the will of God.

“Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.” Romans 12:2 NLT

The will of God is:

1. Good – morally excellent, its right
2. Pleasing – you will like it. You are never fulfilled until you are filled full. KJV says acceptable. It is acceptable to both God and you.
3. Perfect – you will find completeness and fulfillment in God’s will

What is the will of God?

I. Revealed Will of God through Scripture

A. It is God’s will for you to be saved.

II Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (ESV)

B. It is God’s will for you to be Spirit filled

Ephesians 5: 17-18 “Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit...” (ESV)

C. It is God’s will for you to be sanctified.

I Thess. 4:3 “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;...” (ESV)

Many Christians act in a crisis mode and God is so merciful and gracious that He helps them. But God wants us to walk in holiness. Set apart.

D. It is God’s will for you to be submissive.

I Peter 2: 13-15 “Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should be put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.” (ESV)

Four basic areas of authority: 1. God; 2. Church; 3. Home; 4. Government

E. It is God’s will for you to suffer.

I Peter 3:17 “For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.” (ESV)

Not because of foolish decisions, but because of obedience to God.

F. It is God’s will for you to say thanks in every circumstance.

I Thess. 5: 16-18 “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (ESV)

II. Particular Will of God for a situation

Psalm 37: 4 “Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

This means that God will put His desires in your heart so His desires and your desires are so intermingled that you can't tell the difference. He will bring his desires to pass in His time.