

# *What every Christian Ought To Know.*

## **#7 Discerning the Will of God!**



# 6 Myths Concerning the *WILL OF GOD.*

- When it comes to the “*WILL OF GOD,*” there are **three** must in the believer's life. Otherwise, your life will be pointless, aimless, and fruitless.
  - I. YOUR **DESIRE**: TO **KNOW** THE WILL OF GOD.
  - II. YOUR **DELIGHT**: TO **OBEY** THE WILL OF GOD.
  - III. YOUR GREAT **DANGER**: TO **REFUSE** THE WILL OF GOD.
  1. THE “**MAP**” MYTH: This is the idea that God is going to give you a road map for His will for you. “God is not a Garmin.” The will of God is a journey through a relationship, not a road map.
- HOW DID GOD LEAD THE **CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** INTO THE **WILDERNESS**?  
A pillar of cloud by day; a pillar of fire by night. All they had to do was “**SEE**” that cloud, or pillar of fire to know that God’s presence was indeed with them.  
(Ex. 13:21)

# UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL



## WHAT IS IT?

### 1. GOD'S WILL IS FOR YOU TO BE **SAVED!**


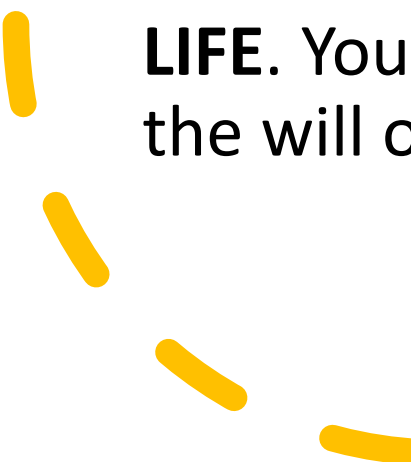
- Notice: (2 Pet. 3:9) ***"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing (willing KJV.) for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.***
- Notice: (1 Tim. 2:4) ***"who desires (will KJV.) all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."***
- You need to understand that both of these verses are referring to **"God's will of **DESIRE, WISHING,**"** It's His expression, **NOT** His **"**SOVEREIGN WILL OF DECREE.**"** God's choices are determined by His sovereign, eternal purpose not His desires.
- Not everyone is going to be saved, (Jn. 17:6) but we do know the heart of God **"*desires*" all men to be saved.** You will never know the mind, or the will of God until you first **"**BELONG TO GOD**" THROUGH SALVATION.**

## 2. GOD'S **WILL** IS FOR YOU TO BE **SPIRIT-FILLED**!

- Notice: (Eph. 5:17-18) ***“So then do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,”***
- Paul is saying as a Christian, you need to **YIELD CONTROL** of your life to an **INSIDE AGENT**, only not something like alcohol but the **HOLY SPIRIT**, who dwells in you. And when you're **really Spirit-filled**, you have no more self-control over yourself than when you do when you're really wasted with alcohol.
- A **SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN** is one who has thrown out **SELF** and is **LED** by the Spirit. You can be given (**controlled**) by anger, lust, greed, pride, or the Holy-Spirit.

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- **Understand** the Holy-Spirit doesn't come in sections, or pieces. **Notice: (Rom. 8:9)**  
***"However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him."***  
**YOU EITHER HAVE HIM ALL, OR NOT AT ALL.**
  - Here's the deal, the Holy-Spirit lives in you, and all His energy is there, ready to be released to transform you into the very **IMAGE OF CHRIST (2 Cor. 3:18).**
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- The problem arises when we put a **LID OF SIN** over our life which quenches the Holy-Spirit's energy, and power so that it can't be released. And so, the Bible is really saying, **confess your sin, yield to the Spirit**, He will release His energy and you'll taste like He does. And then when you wander through the world, people will mistake you for Jesus Christ. They'll see godliness in you. **THAT'S THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE**. You know, once you're Spirit-filled, then you just begin to go in the will of God; it's fantastic!

- **PETER** is a great example of a life that is **transformed** by the indwelling power of the Holy-Spirit. **Remember when Jesus is taken to be tried?** Peter's outside warming his hands by a fire and just hanging around, following but far off. On ***three occasions***, what did he do? He ***denies*** Jesus. How could this be? You see here's the guy who walks on the water, sees the miraculous, has a sword in his hand, he's going to fight the whole Roman army and then suddenly, he denies Jesus in front of a few people? You say, "What happened to him?" Here's what happened to him, on those other three occasions, he was standing **NEXT TO JESUS**. At the time where he denied him, he was **SEPARATED FROM JESUS**. Now do you know why he wanted to be where Jesus was? **That's where his POWER was.**
- Then came ***"PENTECOST,"*** and Peter boldly **preached**, and **3,000** souls are saved. He was no longer paralyzed by fear. Do you know what the Spirit-filled life is? **It's living every single moment IN THE CONSCIOUS PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.** That's exactly what Peter learned, and experienced.

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- Notice: (Matt. 16:15-17) *“He said to them, But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”*

- Jesus was explaining to Peter that God had given divine revelation through him as a vehicle. Just to keep Peter in the human perspective, the next person to speak through him was Satan. And Satan said, "No, don't go on the cross," and Jesus said to Peter's face, ***"get thee behind me Satan."*** So, Peter was an available vehicle, unfortunately, too available. This is an example of just how quick a believer can get in the ***"flesh."*** But isn't it interesting? When Peter was near Jesus, he **SAID** the miraculous, and **DID** the miraculous.



- **A BIBLICAL LOOK AT THE CHARACTER OF A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE.**
- **Notice: (Col. 3:12-21)** *“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. **14** Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. **15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **17** Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. **18** Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. **19** Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. **20** Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. **21** Fathers, do not exasperate (irritate) your children, so that they will not lose heart.”*

- **Vv. 12-14**: This is the attitude, and behavior God expects from you as a response to His grace, and goodness.
- **V. 15**: The believer is to enjoy “**peace**” with God because of Salvation, also a “**peace**” with other believers. The “**bond**,” or the adhesive of the church is the supernatural love of Christ poured out into the hearts of believers.
- **V. 16**: You must “**live-in.**” This means that you voluntarily saturate yourself in the Holy-Spirit inspired scripture through **study, teaching, preaching, and singing**. Scripture should permeate **every aspect** of the believer's life and control every **thought, word, and deed**. Without this the above-mentioned **Vv. 12-15** do not happen. **The Holy Spirit FILLS the life CONTROLLED by the word.**
- **V. 17**: This means you are living consistent with “**who**” Jesus is, and “**what**” He expects from you.
- **Vv. 18-21**: Describes the Spirit-filled life in the “**Christian home.**” Husband, wife, and children all have responsibilities to God, and each other for these relationships to bring glory to God. **There will never be HARMONY in your home without the FILLING OF THE HOLY-SPIRIT.**



- “The more I focus on Him and the Word, and the more the thoughts of God saturate my mind, the more the word of Christ controls me, the more yielded I am to Him.”



- “There's no handle for the Spirit to control unless the Word is there.” **SPURGEON** said, *“You ought to study the Bible until your blood is bubbling.”*

### 3. GOD'S **WILL** IS FOR YOU TO BE **SANCTIFIED!**

- Notice: (1 Thess. 4:3) ***“For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;”***
- God wants you to be **SET APART** and the word **“SANCTIFICATION”** means **“SET-ASIDE,” “HOLY.”** In other word's, God wants you to be pure. His **WILL** (expression, wish, desire) is for all men to be **SAVED, SPIRIT-FILLED, and SANCTIFIED.**
- THERE ARE **FOUR** PRINCIPLES OF **“PURITY.”**

#### 1. NOTICE: VERSE 3:

that you should ***“abstain from fornication.”*** Now the word fornication means sexual sin. He says you should stay away from sex-sin. The outside of marriage thing, the perversion, this can mean anything from consenting bisexual, homosexual, bestiality, or anything else that is a perversion (Pornography). It can mean the gamut of sexual activity outside God's perfect design in marriage. Stay away from it!!!

## 2. NOTICE: VERSE 4:

that every one of you, **NO EXCEPTIONS**, *“that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel (BODY) in sanctification and honor.”* God has given you your body to honor Him. Your body should be possessed and the idea there is that you should control your body to honor God. You have to be careful, because that old body will run away, and take off. Satan uses the lust of the flesh to set things aflame. And there's all kinds of lust of the flesh incidentally, it's not just sexual. It can be the way you dress. Some people dress to draw attention to their bodies.

- WE ARE ALL **COMMANDED** TO DRESS **“MODESTLY.”** (1 Tim. 2:9) *“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments,”*
- Remember (Rom. 12:1) *“...to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God,...”*



### 3. NOTICE: VERSE 5:

*“not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;”* Principle three is simply, **"DON'T ACT LIKE A GODLESS HEATHEN."**

- **LUST IS A CRUEL MASTER**. That's what we are seeing in America today. There are no restraints, or self-control on those **who don't know God**.
- **Notice (Rom. 1:20-32)** *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”*

- **24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”**

#### 4. NOTICE: VERSE 6:

**“and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things...”**

- Don't take **ADVANTAGE** of other people. You know it's so easy to use other people to get what you want. People use, and abuse.
- **What are some ways people can take advantage of others?**
  1. **PHYSICALLY**: that girl/boy just wanted to fit in.
  2. **FINANCIALLY**: begging and borrowing from others labor.
  3. **EMOTIONALLY**: dumping your bad decisions on others, critic.
  4. **SOCIALLY**: use people for your advancement, or relationship.
- Btw, all of these were done if you remember to the **“Supreme Court Judge” Brett Kavanaugh**.
- God's will is that you be **SAVED**, **SPIRIT-FILLED** and **SANCTIFIED**. Listen, folks. If you're running around trying to find God's will for some specific in your life and you're not living a pure life, what reason is there that God should show you His will **UNREVEALED** when you haven't obeyed His will **REVEALED**?