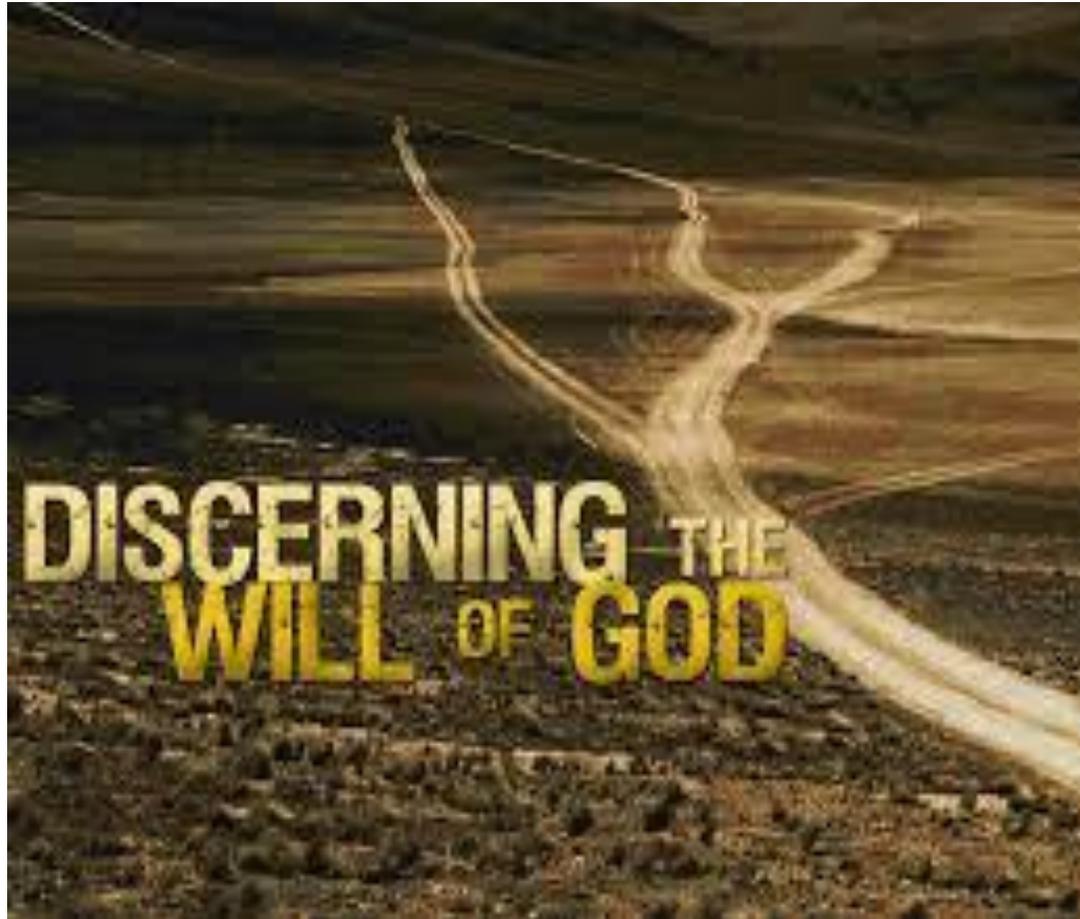


# What every Christian Ought To Know.

## #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)**

- **HOW DID GOD LEAD ABRAHAM?** “...Go... to the land which I will show you.” (Gen. 12:1) Along his journey God would appear to Abraham giving him the assurance that His (God’s) **presence**, and **guidance** was with him.
- 2. **THE “MISERY” MYTH:** This has the idea that “**Doing the will of God**” is going to be **PAINFUL**. These folks are afraid to surrender to God, because the “**PRICE**” might be greater than the “**PRIZE.**”
- **SOME PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO SAY: “I’LL DO anything, anywhere, anytime, at any cost,”** because their afraid God is going to send them to the most remote part of Africa only to be eaten by cannibals, or worse, be sent to **ALABAMA**, and be forced to eat **hawg jaws**, and **pigs' feet** with **NO TEETH**.
- **YOU MUST UNDERSTAND:** “God will never **SEND YOU**, where His grace won’t **SUSTAIN YOU.**” Why? Because He Loves You! Some simply don’t won’t to give up their sin, or lifestyle to follow God’s will, and in doing so they forfeit God’s **BEST** for their life.

- Remember what Jesus said: (Lk. 14:26-27) *“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple,”*
- 3. **THE “MISSIONARY” MYTH**: The belief that God’s will is for a certain class of people, such as Preachers, missionaries, but not ordinary people.
  - Notice: (Gal. 2:6) *“But from those who were of high reputation (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me.”*
  - Notice: (Acts. 10:34-35) *“Opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, 35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.”*
  - Notice: (Col.1:27) *“but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,”*
  - **“YOU CAN’T ANSWER THE CALL IF YOU DON’T REPORT FOR DUTY.”**

4. **THE “MIRACLE” MYTH**: Those who believe that you have to have a sign, or something dramatic in order to know the will of God.
- God can speak any way **HE CHOOSES**. Audibly, through other believers, circumstances, and even miracles.
  - **REMEMBER O BALLAAM**? Notice: (Num.22:28) *“And the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?”*
  - Notice (1 Kings. 19:11-12) *“So He said, “Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing (a still small voice).”*

- If you want to know the will of God for your life it's usually found through **“a still small voice,”** and **“But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day.”** (Prov. 4:18) As He guides you through the day, God's will for your life becomes brighter for you see plainly.
- 5. **THE MISSED-IT MYTH**: This is the belief that God called you to something in the past when you were young, and you missed it. I've had people to tell me that they know God called them to preach, but now they think their too old, and it's too late for them.
- **AS ADRIAN SAYS**, **“It's NEVER too late for you. GOD HAS A PLAN for your life, at EVERY STAGE OF YOUR LIFE.”**
- If you think that you **“MISSED” GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN FOR YOU**, then notice what God says in (Joel. 2:25) **“Then I will make up to you for the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, My great army which I sent among you.”**

## 6. THE “MYSTERY” MYTH:

This is the belief that God’s will for your life is supposed to be a mystery, and you're not really supposed to figure out what it is. **Notice: (Jer. 29:13) “*You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.”*** God wants you to **KNOW** His will for your life. To know His will, is to know Him. It might not always be easy, but it’s never impossible.

- **NOTICE PAUL’S DIALOG WITH JESUS:** (Acts. 9:3-6) “And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: **4** And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? **5** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. **6** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. KJV.

- **PAUL ASKED TWO QUESTIONS**: Questions we all should be asking.

1. **WHO** ARE YOU, LORD?

2. **WHAT** DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

**THREE** Principles for Knowing God's Will

## **#1 GOD WILL GUIDE YOU--HE PROMISED**

➤ **GOD HAS A PLAN ORDAINED FOR US, BEFORE IT EVER COMES TO PASS.**

Notice: (Acts. 9:6) **“but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”**

- Notice (Psa. 37:23) **“The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way.”** (God is leading you **ONE STEP AT A TIME.**)
- Notice (Psa. 32:8) **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.”**
- Notice: (Isa. 58:11) **“And the LORD will continually guide you,..”**

- **Notice:** (Prov. 3:6) *“In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.”*
  - **Remember,** You have a **FATHER** above you **CONTROLLING** all things. You have a **SAVIOR** beside you **DIRECTING** your footsteps. And you have the **HOLY SPIRIT** living inside you who is **ENERGIZING** you by impressing upon your **heart, mind, and will.**
- A. GOD’S PREVAILING WILL:** For Ex. The kingdom of this world will one day be the kingdom of Christ. That’s going to happen. It’s part of **His Sovereign will.**  
**Notice:** (Prov. 19:21) *“Many plans are in a man’s heart, But the counsel of the LORD will stand.”*
- B. GOD’S PERMISSIVE WILL:** For Ex. Christians are not to marry unbelievers, but sometimes tragically they do. (2 Cor. 6:14)  
**Notice:** (Prov. 14:12) *“There is a way which seems right to a man, **But its end is the way of death.**”* God allows His children to **voluntarily** obey or disobey. We (believers) truly exercise **“Free will.”**

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- **GOD'S PERSONAL WILL**: For Ex. God led me to Christi, likewise He led me to Mount Carmel. God's word teaches that He has a special plan, a specific plan, and a personal plan for each one of us.

**Notice: (Jer. 29:11) *"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."***



# 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.