

The will of God Chapters 12-15

1. The will of God is a **complex** theological concept referring to God's purpose, intention, or determination for creation and individuals

- a. It is described using anthropomorphic language, acknowledging both similarities and differences with human will
- b. God's will is characterized as deliberate, steadfast, and motivated by love and faithfulness[
- c. It is seen as both constant and changing, with distinctions made between God's absolute will (always aimed at life, blessing, and salvation) and circumstantial will (which may involve judgment in specific instances)
- d. Scripture presents God's will as the ultimate cause of creation and the foundation of His redemptive purpose

1. Live sacrificially (Vs 1)

2. Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed (Vs 2)

Who does Jesus say His disciples will be...

Matthew 5:13–16 “13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

[Revelation 3:16](#) “16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.”

[Revelation 3:19–22](#) “19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. 21 He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ””

1. Live sacrificially

Paul has detailed the mercies of God a mighty wonder!

There are the mercies that we know...

God Is Rich in Compassion-[Psalm 145:8–9](#)

God's Grace Is a Gift, Not Earned- [Ephesians 2:8–9](#)

God Is Compassionate to the Brokenhearted-Psalm 34:8

His Grace and Compassion Are Renewed Daily- [Lamentations 3:22–23](#)

Compassion Leads to Forgiveness-Micah 7:18–19

We Are Called to Reflect His Grace and Compassion-Colossians 3:12

[Acts 11:18](#) “18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.””

[2 Timothy 2:25](#) “25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,”

[Hebrews 13:16](#) “16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

2. Do not be conformed but transformed

[1 John 2:15–17](#) “15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.”

[2 Corinthians 4:16–18](#) “16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

[Philippians 3:12](#) “12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.”

God's perspective - vs worldly thoughts.

[Psalm 34:8](#) “8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!”