

Scripture and God's Will for Your Life

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1. God's will is ultimately what takes place in history.
2. God's Secret (decreed) will and revealed will (Deuteronomy 29:29)
 - 2.1. "God's revealed will usually contains his commands or 'precepts' for our moral conduct, God's revealed will is sometimes also called God's will of precept or will of command. This revealed will of God is God's declared will concerning what we should do or what God commands us to do." – Wayne Grudem
 - 2.2. "God's secret will usually includes his hidden decrees by which he governs the universe and determines everything that will happen. He does not ordinarily reveal these decrees to us (except in prophecies of the future), so these decrees really are God's 'secret' will. We find out what God has decreed when events actually happen. Because this secret will of God has to do with his decreeing of events in the world, this aspect of God's will is sometimes also called God's will of decree." – Wayne Grudem
3. Importance of doing God's will.
 - 3.1. Doing God's will is proof of your position in Jesus' family. (Mark 3:35, Ephesians 2:8-10)
4. Implications for the way we live.
 - 4.1. Know that what has happened and what will happen in your life is all in accordance with God's will.
 - 4.1.1. God's will is the source of our assurance. (Colossians 4:12)
 - 4.1.2. Knowing we are in God's will is the key to making it through suffering. (1 Peter 4:19)
 - 4.1.3. Who you are and your place in ministry is by the will of God. (1 Corinthians 1:1; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; 2 Timothy 1:1)
 - 4.1.4. Whatever work you do is by the will of God for the glory of God. (Ephesians 6:5-7)

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- 4.2. Discern God's will in your life and specific situations. (Romans 12:2)
 - 4.2.1. All of our plans should be made with a tentative nature based on it being God's will.
 - 4.2.1.1. Apostle's example. (Acts 18:21, Romans 1:9-15)
 - 4.2.1.2. Scripture's command. (James 4:13-17, 5:12; Matthew 5:34-37)
 - 4.2.2. Knowing God's word is necessary for doing God's will. (Daniel 6, 9; Jeremiah 29:10-14; 1 Kings 8:46-50)
 - 4.2.3. The will to do God's will is a key in understanding Jesus and thus Scripture. (John 7:16-18)
 - 4.2.4. Moral Purity
 - 4.2.4.1. Sanctification and sexual purity. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 5:12-22; 1 Peter 4:2)
 - 4.2.5. For the sake of your witness with those outside the faith. (1 Peter 2:15)
 - 4.2.6. Following the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:15-21; Galatians 5:16-26)
 - 4.2.7. God's will in our giving. (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)
- 4.3. God's will and results
 - 4.3.1. We are not promised immediate blessings and an easy life for doing God's will. In fact some times we are promised that it will lead to suffering. (1 Peter 3:17)
 - 4.3.2. Our ultimate reward for doing God's will comes with Jesus. (Hebrews 10:36-38; 1 John 2:17)