

Making Changes

Romans 12:1–2 (NASB95)

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect**.

A. You cannot know the will of God until your mind has been transformed.

1 Peter 1:14–16 (NASB95)

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,

15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

16 because it is written, "**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**"

B. You can only know the will of God to the degree your mind has been transformed.

~Good

~Acceptable

1 Timothy 5:4 (NASB95)

4 but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is **acceptable** in the sight of God.

~Perfect

C. Only godly thinking can produce God's will.

How to know God's perfect will

1. You have to surrender to it daily.

Matthew 6:9–10 (NASB95)

9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 26:42 (NASB95)

42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done."

2. You have to seek it daily. (The Word, Prayer, Peace)

Hebrews 4:12 (NASB95)

12 For the **word of God** is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

James 1:5 (NASB95)

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him **ask of God**, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Colossians 3:15 (NASB95)

15 Let the **peace of Christ rule** in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

3. You have to follow it daily.

Galatians 2:20 (NASB95)

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.