

## *God's Revealed Will*

### Review:

- "Revealed" vs. "Hidden" will
- God's will is personal, specific, and good

### 1. Separation from known sin in our lives

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

- Rome was known for its explicit promotion of sexual entertainment and activity outside of marriage and Thessalonica was a major center of trade for Rome.
- V. 7 – We are called to be holy no matter what the world promotes.

- Psalm 66:18

- Known sin in my life will hinder my relationship with God.

### 2. Thankful and prayerful

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- "Rejoice always" – not just in the good times of life!
- "Pray without ceasing" – a constant mindset of prayer
- "Give thanks in all circumstances."

\* Thankful "in" (1 Thes. 5:18) vs. Thankful "for" (Ephesians 5:20)... What's the difference?

### 3. Doing the right thing in spite of a corrupt government/ society

- 1 Peter 2:13-16

- "doing good" – to do something that profits others, helping
- The world watches believers to see how they respond to authority.

### Talking Points:

A. Part of God's revealed will for your life is to take care of any known sin in your life (1 John 1:9), change your attitude to one of thankfulness and prayer no matter the circumstance, and be a model citizen by doing the right thing in relation to a corrupt government (Acts 5:29). How does this get us closer to knowing the next step in God's personal plan for you?

B. Question for thought: What do I have to change in order to be prepared to know the next step of God's plan for me?