

**NOTES: First Peter 4.1-6 | New Life – New Desires – New Priorities**  
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1 Peter 4.1-6 NASB

How do you know the Will of God for your life?

To live differently from the culture will invite suffering.

You will be left out.

People will draw conclusions about you , not true

You will be slandered

You will be marginalized at times

You will be passed over.

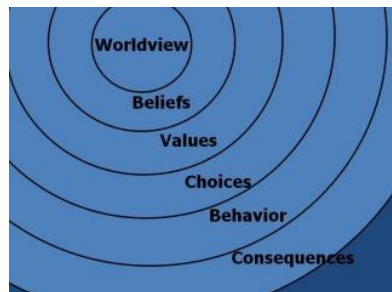
You will be made fun of

### **1. The Will of God is our priority (4.2)**

Our desires Change when we are regenerated, redeemed, reconciled, justified, born-again.

We go beyond believing to addressing our behavior.

Our behavior is based on our choices which are based on our new world view and new set of values.



4.3

- Debauchery-Sensuality and unbridled sexual conduct
- Lusts-cravings for immoral sex (set outside of the biblical marriage) Homosexuality, sex before marriage, sex with someone outside of marriage, porn,
- Drunkenness,-mental state, behavior, decision compromised by alcohol
- Carousing-planning and pursuing these opportunities
- Drinking parties –
- Detestable idolatries – putting the flesh ahead of God

This is the behavior of pagans or those that are not followers of Jesus, and how those reading this epistle USED to live.

“Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. “ Romans 13.13

Read Galatians 5

1 Peter 4:4 (NASB95)

<sup>4</sup>In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;

1. Your friends are surprised you have changed and sinful behavior has stopped and you know longer
2. in debauchery dissipation or Debauchery = a wasteful expenditure of your life.
3. They may malign you (slander and talk smack about you, your faith, your new life.

God's will is Two Fold

1. Universal-God's will for everyone-
2. Individual

**"Many want God's individual will for their lives and are not living God's Universal will for all their lives."**

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### **God's will for everyone**

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NASB95)

<sup>3</sup>This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

<sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### **It is God's will for everyone to...**

- Leave sin, be forgiven and free because Christ died for sin to forgive and free (1 Peter 2.18)
- Be saved and become a follower of Christ
- To Grow, in Grace, knowledge, holiness, power, community
- To be filled with God's Spirit
- To give an account for everyone who sees the hope within you
- It is God's will that all believers serve, and be part of expanding the Kingdom of God (VISION)
- To daily wake up , and ask what is God's will today. How can I glorify God.

### **God's Individual and personal will? How do you discern that?**

**Doing God's will takes courage, humility, desire, and obedience, and prayer.**

### **Questions to ask with discerning God's Will?**

1. Am I doing my best to live God's will for everyone
2. What does the Bible say? (Do I know how to live and what pleases God?)
3. What would Jesus do if He were me? This is discipleship. Living your life like Jesus would.
4. What is the loving thing to do?
5. Will I do it, if He shows me?

This process takes prudence (patience). Discernment is not a science, but a path slowly walked