

Discovering God's Will"

1. God's Sovereign will. God has a predetermined plan for everything that happens in the universe. This is sometimes called God's secret will or hidden will since He doesn't necessarily reveal it to His people, although occasionally we may catch a glimpse of it.

2. God's Moral will. In this area we have what God wanted us to know. His moral will are the revealed commands in the Bible that teach how men ought to believe and live. The Bible is the Christian's compass and final authority.

When it comes to making decisions here are four principles to remember, all required and in order:

1. O_____ those specific areas, addressed by the Bible, that reveal the commands and principles of God (His moral will).
2. Decisions you make within the m_____ will of God are acceptable to God.
3. Stay focused on your goal and Christian objective in life; make wise decisions as you seek to g_____ God.
4. H_____ submit, in advance, to the outworking of God's sovereign will as it touches each decision.

Discussion Questions:

- How would you describe your freedom in Christ (especially in regard to His will for you)?
- What are the resources God has provided to help you decide His will for your life?
- "It's not a tiny bullseye reserved for pastors and missionaries." Do you find it freeing to think of God's moral will for your life as a larger area?
- What can help you trust and rest in God's sovereign plan for your life?