

Knowing the Will of God

Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 1:9-11

**The Bottom Line:** The key to making all decisions is making the first decision of submission to God.

### **Introduction:**

Have you ever had an important decision to make, and you did not know which way to go?

It can become even more difficult when you are trying to do what the Lord wants you to do. This is what we usually call God's will.

It is important to note that there are two categories when it comes to God's will. Today, we are discussing His moral will.

## Truth:

In order to live in God's will, we need something called discernment. Paul describes how we can discern God's will in today's passage.

# Read Romans 12:1-2.

# **Application & Conclusion:**

Pastor Matt's prayer for our church is much the same as Paul's prayer for the believers at Philippi, when he said, "It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

In other words, God's desire for our church is that you would use godly discernment to make godly decisions. Not only is that an act of love toward God and others, but in making godly decisions, we do not bring shame on ourselves when Jesus returns to us.

So then, make the decision to submit yourself to God. Position yourself to be transformed by God. Seek the Lord and His will because you can know it.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. What does this teach me about God?
- 2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?