

Finding the Will of God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Thessalonians 4:3.

B. The will of God is often misconceived merely as a program—answering the problem of guidance.

C. If we approach the problem in this way, we will never find a satisfying answer.

II. The will of God is a relationship, not a program.

A. The will of God has to do with what we are and not what we do. (I Thessalonians 4:3)

B. The will of God is that you would become His property. (I Peter 2:9)

1. God not only owns us, but He dwells in us.

2. God's presence in us makes us holy. (I Thessalonians 5:23)

C. God's purpose for us is that we might be instruments of His life that others would see God behaving.

III. The will of God is a possession permitted.

A. The goal is that your humanity would be a full expression of His life.

B. God's question to us is whether we are willing to be a possession fully.

C. How to be a possession. (Romans 7)

IV. The will of God is a principle perceived—viewing things as God does.

A. This tells us how to be a possession. (Romans 7)

B. Faith is necessary to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

C. Faith is believing that God's view of a matter is true, no matter what everyone else says.

D. Faith believes that God will do in you and through you what you cannot do yourself, which is everything.

E. The contrast is you trying to do something for God and God doing something on your behalf through Jesus Christ.

V. The will of God is purity practiced.

- A. This gives us evidence that we know we are in the will of God.
- B. We are to control our total self—the body, mind and the heart.
- C. Satan is a liar—what he appears to offer, he can never fulfill.
- D. It takes power to live today—we need God’s power.

Application questions:

1. Why is the will of God for us simply not getting answers to what we should do? Explain.

2. What role does faith play in God’s will? What Scripture supports this?

3. What would you tell someone the will of God is who is trying to pursue it in his or her life?
