

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

THE WILL OF GOD

The Greek meaning for "Will of God" means "Everything that God desires to happen in heaven & earth; He has planned what He wishes to occur".

You say, "What does God want to happen in this universe?" Here are the basics:

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these various kings in the future, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. (Verse #1)

1 Cor. 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (Verse #2)

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (Verse #3)

1. Match the verse with the statements (of what God wants) below.
 - a. The establishment & growth of His kingdom ___Verse #2
 - b. The salvation, setting apart, and growth of his people ___Verse #3
 - c. God gets the glory (the credit) for everything ___Verse #1

Through all the existence of the universe & of mankind, God's will (plan, purpose, pleasure, intent, goal) is:


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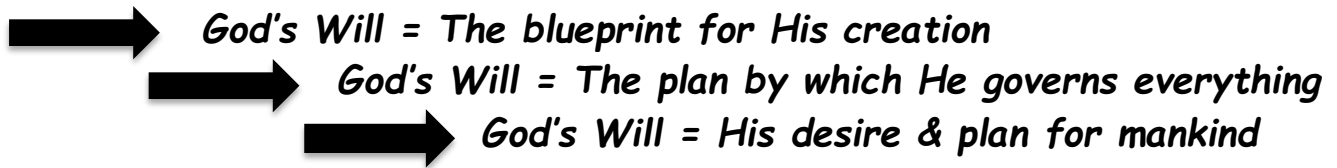
- a. *Establish a kingdom that will rule the whole universe and never end*
- b. *Give eternal life to mankind who choose to accept it*
- c. *Set apart & protect His created people to holy & obedient living*
- d. *Enjoy His created people and have eternal, rich fellowship with them*
- e. *Receive the glory & the credit for His power & what He has created*

2. How would you answer someone who says, "I am trying to find God's will"?

3. Could we say that "God's Will" for your personal life is the same thing as "God's Will" for the entire "Kingdom of God"? ___Yes ___No

Romans 12:2 Do not be squeezed into the world's mold but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove & demonstrate what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

4. Is it possible for us to live our lives totally apart from & not under the control & influence of God's purpose? ___Yes ___No



5. Think through these thought-provoking questions:
- a. I need to find the "Will of God" because it is hidden. Yes No
 - b. The "Will of God" for me is different that "His Will" for all other people in the kingdom of God. Yes No
 - c. I am supposed to search for the "Will of God". Yes No
 - d. After I find the "Will of God" for me, then, I will grow in my faith and know God so much better. Yes No

Is this like "what came first - the chicken or the egg?"

What comes first - SEEKING AFTER GOD or SEEKING AFTER GOD'S WILL?

6. What must I do **FIRST** to enjoy the "Will of God" for my life? Match the items.
- a. Hebrews 11:6 Realize that Satan is fighting against you
 - b. Matthew 7:21 Live an honorable life whenever possible
 - c. 1 Thess. 4:3 Desire to please God in all that you do
 - d. 1 Peter 2:15 Acknowledge that you have been delivered
 - e. Exodus 3:12 Realize that God has called into His plan
 - f. Acts 2:23 Realize God is praying for you to be ready
 - g. Mark 8:33 Be always ready to serve God wherever
 - h. Acts 21:14 Be honest with God about your commitment
 - i. Romans 8:27 Understand God's will happen with/without you
 - j. 1 Cor. 1:1 Stay away from sexual mis-behavior

7. A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOD'S WILL

- a. Isaiah 14:27 **God's will** happens when men agree with it. Yes No
- b. Isaiah 14:27 No one can stop **God's Will**. Yes No
- c. Jer. 51:29 Some of **God's Will** will happen; some won't. Yes No
- d. Jer. 51:29 Every & all **purposes of God** will happen. Yes No
- e. Eph. 1:11 **God's Will** was determined after man sinned. Yes No
- f. Eph. 1:11 God determined **His Will** before time began. Yes No
- g. Eph. 3:11 God makes up **His Will** as time goes along. Yes No
- h. Eph. 3:11 **God's Will** is an eternal, deliberate purpose. Yes No
- i. John 4:34 **God's Will** means to "finish God's Work". Yes No
- j. John 4:34 God does not have a plan for **His Will** yet. Yes No
- k. 1 John 2:17 As we live **God's will**, society will crumble. Yes No
- l. 1 John 2:17 All of mankind will agree with **God's Will**. Yes No

The day we accepted Christ as our Savior, we began to participate in God's Will.

8. HOW WILL GOD'S WILL AFFECT ME?

- a. John 6:40 *And this is the will of Him Who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him my have _____, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

THOUGHT #1 - God's will = For me to be saved

- b. Ephesians 6:6 *Not just as eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Jesus Christ, doing the will of God _____ the _____.*

THOUGHT #2 - God's will = Participate in God's plan with all my heart

- c. Hebrews 10:36 *For you have need of _____, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:*

THOUGHT #3 - God's Will = A life-long process

- d. Acts 13:36 *For David, after he had _____ his own _____ by the will of God, he died, and was buried with his ancestors.*

THOUGHT #4 - God's Will = Serve God during my lifetime

- e. Psalm 149:4 *For the Lord takes _____ in His people; He will make the humble beautiful with salvation.*

THOUGHT #5 - God's Will = God enjoys us as we obey & serve Him

- f. Matthew 12:50 *For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My _____, _____ and _____.*

THOUGHT #6 - God's Will = All God's people carry out His will together

DOING OR LIVING GOD'S WILL = DOING OR LIVING OUR LIVES.

9. Isn't doing or living God's Will:

- a. Becoming a Christian & being forgiven from sin? Yes No
- b. Becoming part of "God's kingdom will" with all your heart? Yes No
- c. Knowing that the process of living God's Will is a life-time? Yes No
- d. Serving God with your earthly life every single day? Yes No
- e. Enjoying God knowing that He eagerly accepts our service? Yes No
- f. Ministering with other believers to win people & honor God? Yes No

10. WHAT IS GOD DOING AS I PARTICIPATE IN HIS WILL?

- a. Philippians 2:13 *Live out your own salvation with seriousness & sensitivity toward God; for it is God Who _____ in you both to will and to do for His _____.*

THOUGHT #7 - God is helping us fit into His will.

- b. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything _____; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

THOUGHT #8 - God is enabling us to give thanks to Him

- c. John 9:31 *Now we know that God does not hear sinners (those rejecting the Gospel message); but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does His will, God _____ him.*

THOUGHT #9 - God is answering out prayers all along the way

d. Psalm 40:8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your _____ is within my heart.

THOUGHT #10 - God is working inside us through His word.

e. Psalm 143:10 _____ me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead in the way of uprightness.

THOUGHT #11 - God teaches us how to take a daily part in His will

f. Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of yours, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand _____ and _____ in all the will of God.

THOUGHT #12 - God is making us more mature as we serve His will.

➡ **WE DO NOT FIND GOD'S WILL IF WE'RE NOT LIVING IT ALREADY.**

➡ **LIVING IN GOD'S WILL IS DAILY PARTICIPATION IN GOD'S WILL.**

➡ **AS WE LIVE OUR LIVES HELPING GOD'S KINGDOM TO GROW, WE ARE OPEN AND READY FOR WHATEVER PART OF GOD'S WILL HE FOCUSES US IN ON. WE ARE INCLUDED WITH GOD IN ACCOMPLISHING HIS WILL.**

➡ **I DON'T BELIEVE "DOING THE WILL OF GOD" IS A MAGIC MOMENT. IT IS A LIFESTYLE THAT GOD CONTINUES TO EXPAND IN US.**

Let's Summarize. WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR HIS KINGDOM & HIS PEOPLE?

1. God wants mankind to be **Saved** (Delivered from the penalty of sin).
2. God wants mankind to be **Spirit-filled** (Controlled by the Holy Spirit).
3. God wants mankind to be **Sanctified** (Set apart from the evil of the world).
4. God wants mankind to be **Submissive** to the authorities over them.
5. God wants mankind to be willing to **Suffer** for the good.
6. God wants mankind to be **Thankful** for everything.

11. Match the statements above with the correct verses below.

___ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

___ 1 Thessalonians 4:3

___ 2 Peter 3:9

___ 1 Peter 4:19

___ Ephesians 5:18

___ 1 Peter 2:13-18

"Lord, thank you for delivering me from sin. Make me sensitive to Your Holy Spirit's involvement in all areas of my life. May I allow You to set me apart from evil that I might focus on holiness. Help me maintain an attitude of humility toward the leaders around me. Give me the courage to suffer affliction to build my character and to stand up for the "good"; may I demonstrate my trust in you by thanking You. I realize that all of this is Your will for me."