

# Reflections on God's Will

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1. God's will is for man to be free, but to live within the boundaries of his clear instruction.

a) Salvation is through Christ alone  
(Acts 4:12)

b) We must abstain from evil  
(1 Thes. 5:16-17)

c) Walk by the Spirit, reject the flesh (Galatians 5:22-26)

## 2. God's will is found in the Bible

- a) Human judgment/feelings cannot be trusted (Prov. 14:12)
- b) God's will is comprehensive not exhaustive for humanity (Deut. 29:29)
- c) God has revealed his secrets to his people (Amos 3:7)

### 3. Living God's will requires faith

- a) Faith is required (Heb.11: 1, 6)
- b) Faith from hearing (Rom.10:17)
- c) Faith not sight (2 Cor. 5:7)

## 4. Discerning God's will takes wisdom

- a) God's gift to the upright  
(Prov. 2:6-8)
- b) For those who seek counsel  
(Prov. 19:20-21)
- c) For those who pray (James 1:5)

5. Understanding God's will requires the proper perspective
- a) Based on truth (John 4:24)
  - b) Heaven over Earth (Matt. 6:19-21)
  - c) Goal is maturity (James 1:2-4)
  - d) Short term pain, long term gain (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

## 6. Satan and the flesh are against God's will

- a) Satan questions God's goodness (Gen. 3:1)
- b) Friends of the world are enemies of God (James 4:4)
- c) False prophets (Satan) will come to deceive many (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

## 7. Doing God's will requires a choice

- a) Remnant of Judah (43:1-4)
- b) The Rich Young ruler (Matt. 19:21-26)
- c) The Apostle Peter (Matt. 16:15-17)
- d) Jesus' followers will hear and follow (John 10:27-28)

## Application

- a) What are your challenges today?
- b) Delights yourself in the Lord (Psalm 37:4)
- c) Don't worry, but seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness (Matt. 6:31-34)
- d) Today: When we hear God's voice, we must act, or our hearts will harden (Heb. 3:7-11)