

GOOD...PLEASING...PERFECT - WILL of God

Is this all-inclusive? Or is it Progressive? First good, then pleasing, then perfect?
(salad, entrée, desert?) (good, better, best) (survive, arrive, thrive)

Rom 12:2 –

...Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

Everyone would agree that the ultimate goal of every Christian is to find the will of God. Why don't they then?

1. They think it is going to be confusing or hard to understand.
2. They think God is going to tell them to do something that they don't want to do.

The will of God is the greatest wealth you can have –if we find the will of God.

Hebrews 10:7 says that Jesus came to the earth to do God's will. There is joy, peace, fulfillment, blessing and abundance in the will of God.

Heb 10:36 – You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

There are three stages of the will of God. There are steps or stages to being in the will of God. Let's use money as an example because it's something we all can relate to. Three stages of the will of God for your finances are:

The Good Will of God: taking in more than is going out. Keeping your expenses below your income. You're not in the will of God at all if you spend more money than you make.

Acceptable Will of God: your assets outweigh your liabilities. This is one step better. You own more than you owe. If I wanted to sell my house, it has more value than what I owe on it, so now I'm in the acceptable will of God.

Perfect Will of God: Not only do I have more coming in than what's going out, and not only do I own more than I owe, but I don't owe anybody anything, except to love them. That's the perfect will of God concerning money.

That's why I don't want anyone to be condemned if you owe some money to somebody. You can still be in the will of God and have debt. You might be in the good will of God, or the acceptable will of God, but the perfect will of God where money is concerned is to have no debt.

If you find the will of God, that's where you'll find your spouse, the job you need, and all that God has for you. So now let's find out how we experience that.

Steps to Finding the Will of God:

1. Change by changing the way we think. Romans 12:2 says to be changed by the renewing of your mind. That's where change begins. When you change the way you think, then you'll change your behavior. John 5:5 says "And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity 38 years," and goes on to describe his thinking. He thinks, "If I'm the first one in the water, I'm going to be healed." Jesus challenges his way of thinking and He will challenge the way we think, because when we change the way we think –it will be easy to change our actions.

2. Have the desire. Jesus said to him, "Will you be made whole?" We have to change what we are desiring. When we have desire, and when we change the way we think, that's when we will be willing to do whatever it takes. A lot of Christians like the path of least resistance. Often times the path of greatest resistance yields the greatest reward.

3. Stop blaming other people. Jesus asked, "Will you be made whole?" And the impotent man said, "I have no man." In other words, he says, "Nobody loves me. Nobody cares." Blaming other people is a way of thinking. When we stop blaming people in our thinking, then we'll experience the miracles God wants us to have.

4. Jesus said, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." Jesus said you've got to take the first step. He didn't say run yet. He didn't say fly. He just said, "Get up."

Good Will of God: Rise Up!

Acceptable Will of God: Take up Thy bed.

Perfect Will of God: And Walk!