

J Piper – the will of God:

Romans 12:2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- God is not bent on bringing you into an increasing awareness of his secret will for tomorrow.
- What you need in order to discern what will happen tomorrow is not a renewed mind but a crystal ball.
- There is no virtue in seeing tomorrow's events in a crystal ball. Something witches and Satan do.
- God wants your mind to be renewed not to know the sovereign will of God tomorrow, but to know the moral will of God the moral will of command.
- 3 stages of the moral will of command-
 1. It starts with the bible decisively.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 2. You must choose to do many things which the bible does not give you instruction. House, car, marriage, job, etc...
 3. You do not premeditate and decide to do 95% of what you do. Most of your thoughts and feelings are just there, and a tiny handful you think about.
What is the implication for most things (95%) for proving the will of God in your life?
Pride, proud, anger, joy, anxiousness
- **Romans 12:2** "be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
- **Ephesians 4:23** "be renewed in the spirit of your minds." –an act of the Holy Spirit.
- **Psalms 51:10** "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right[b] spirit within me".
- Prayer is the pervasive activity of the Christian life
Luke 11:13 "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
- We Need the Holy Spirit and his fruit
Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
- Pray for newness
- How does the Holy Spirit do that?
2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,[e] are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.[f] For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.