

Questions to Ponder

Can God's will be discovered by "putting out a fleece"?

Gideon's fleece experiment in [Judges 6](#).

We pray, "Lord, if you will do this, I will do this."

Lord, if I find a parking spot, you want me to go to chemistry class?

Mike Todd talking about God speaking to him to someday own Transformation Church.

How did Jesus show "living the will of God"?

Matthew 6:10 ESV

Your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Luke 22:42 ESV

saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

John 6:38 ESV

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Look at these verses and ponder the Will of God.

Ezra 7:18 ESV

Whatever seems good to you and your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and gold, you may do, according to the will of your God.

Ezra 10:11 ESV

Now then make confession to the LORD, the God of your fathers and do his will. Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives.”

Psalms 40:8 ESV

I delight to do your will, O my God;

your law is within my heart.”

Mark 3:31–35 ESV

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Romans 9:17 ESV

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

Romans 15:31–32 ESV

that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God’s will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

Colossians 4:12 ESV

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.

1 Peter 4:2 ESV

so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

How has God revealed His will?

1 Chronicles 17:2–3 ESV

And Nathan said to David, “Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan,

Psalm 143:10 ESV

Teach me to do your will,

for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me

on level ground!

2 Peter 1:20–21 ESV

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 16:6–7 ESV

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

Three Aspects of the Will of God

The Will of God by Leslie G. Weatherhead

Ideal Will

2 Peter 3:9 ESV

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.

1 Timothy 2:3–4 ESV

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- › Can man defeat this aspect of the will of God? -YES

Circumstantial or Conditional Will

God's plan within certain circumstances

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10 ESV

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

God is pleased to perform these actions based on the circumstances of life.

John 3:16 ESV

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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Ultimate Will

Big Picture: Punishment of wicked and the reward of the Righteous

2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Hebrews 9:27 ESV

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

[Matthew 25:31-46](#) & [Luke 16:19-31](#) are examples.

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How to Use the Will of God?

Greg did a great job of discussing the application that we pull from God's will.
"What is God's will for my life?"

Christians are to strive to know the will of God for their lives

Psalm 143:10 ESV

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Ephesians 5:17 ESV

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Christians are to discern God's will through Prayer

Colossians 1:9 ESV

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Matthew 26:42 ESV

Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Christians are to pray that God's will is done in the world

Matthew 6:10 ESV

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Please, Stop attributing things to the Will of God!

- It was God's will that we move to Louisville.
- It was God's will that the kid got shot at the bus stop.