



## **Discovering the Will of God – Part I**

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**Key Texts:** *Luke 2:41-49, 18:1; Matthew 26:39; II Cor. 12:7; Ephesian 2:8-10*

### **I. Introduction**

- a. What is the will of God?
- b. What is the purpose of God?
- c. Prayer can help us discern God's will.
- d. It is God's pleasure to reveal God's purpose and plan. *Eph. 1:9*

### **II. The Definition of the Will of God**

- A. God's will is seen through God's attributes.
- B. God's will is the ultimate authority.
- C. God's will is God's approved plan of action.

### **III. Believers Must Desire to do God's Will**

- A. We must recognize when our desires are contrary to God's will. *Matt. 26:39-42*
- B. Our desires must conform to God's will. *Jonah 1:1-3; I John 5:14-15*
- C. Do I have peace in what I'm doing?
- D. Do I understand my assignment and desire to please God? *Isa. 49:1-5; Jer. 1:4-8; Gal 1:15-16*

### **IV. Believers Need Help Discerning God's Will**

- A. By reading and studying God's revealed word, we are able to get a clearer understanding of God's will. *II. Tim. 3:16-17; Lk. 21:33; Isa. 55:11*
- B. We must recognize and be receptive to the Holy Spirit. *I Cor 2:9-12; John 14:26; Acts 16: 6-10*
- C. The secret weapons of the believer are prayer and being sensitive to the voice of God. *Isa. 6:8; I Sam. 2; John 10:3-5; I Kings 19: 9-13*

### **V. Believers Get Involved When They Do God's Will.**

- A. Knowing must lead to doing *II. Tim. 4:6*
- B. Hearing and understanding are just half the battle *James 1:22-25*
- C. We must demonstrate our faith through actions *James 2:14-26*