

# The Will of God Colossians 1:1-11

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Success is defined as this, Recognizing the Will of God and trying to perform it!!!

**Peace** is the deliberate adjustment of my life to the will of God.

1 Peter 4:1-5

4 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Will of God Is

### I) **A Path to Follow**

#### A. Path of Divine Order

Psalms 37:23

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Matthew 6:9-13

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#### B. Path of Daily Obedience

1 Peter 2:21

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **(He will Lead if We will Follow)**

## II) **A Purpose to Fulfill**

### A. We are Designed for It

#### Ephesians 2:10

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#### Ephesians 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

## III) **A Person to Favor**

### Favor – to resemble (to be like or similar to)

#### A. Education Shows Us (Knowledge)

#### Ephesians 4:13-15

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

#### B. Experience Shapes Us (Story of Joseph)

#### Romans 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

### Life Group Questions

1. If you desire to be in the perfect will of God what reason can you give for wanting to? What motivation did Paul give to be in Gods will in Ro. 12:1?
2. Can you say that you are presently in his perfect will? If not are you willing to change if need be to find it and accomplish it? Why or why not?
3. Why do most people think that discerning the will of God is so complicated?
4. What can the church do to help every member discern and accomplish the will of God for their individual lives? (Leaders write the answers to this one)