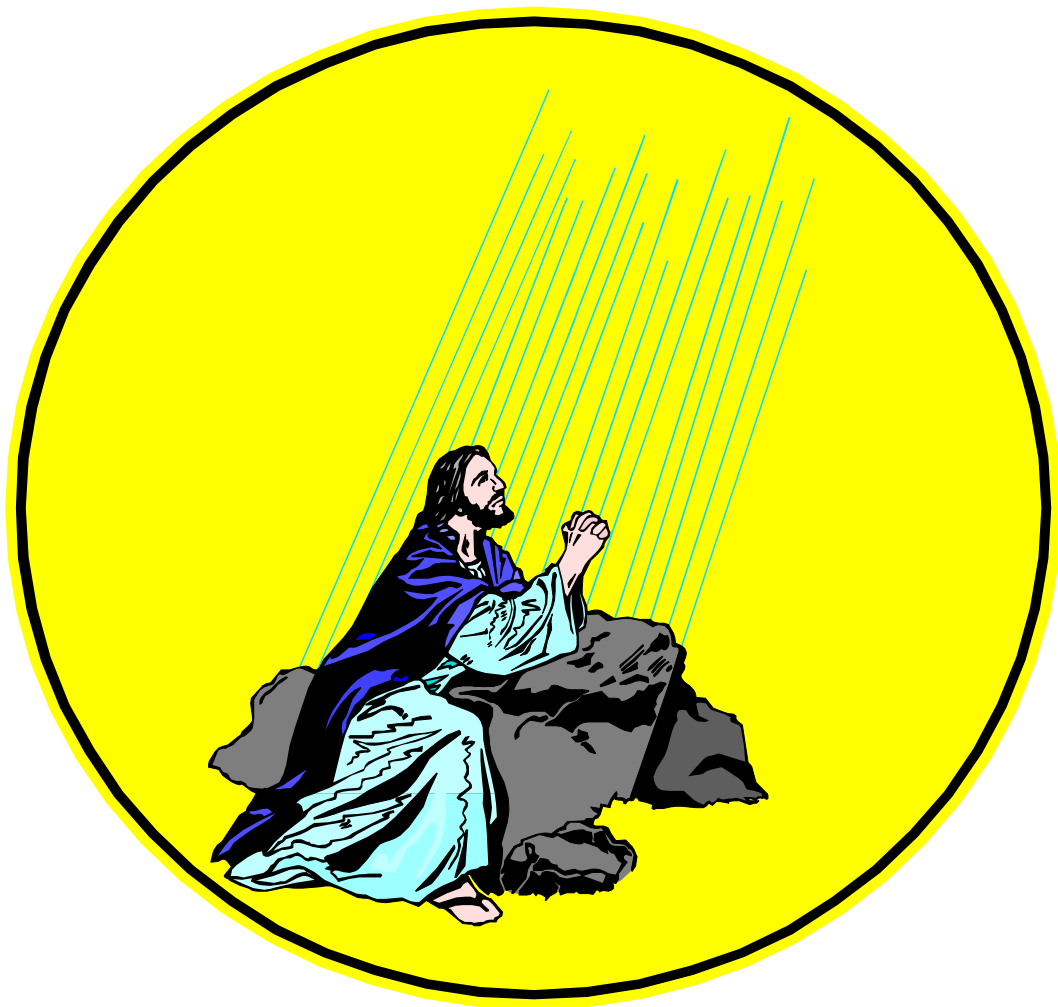




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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

Many “Christians Leaders” today believe that God allows us to ‘continually’ minister in what they call “His Permissive Will”. They believe that we do not have to be in “His Perfect Will” to continually do the work that He has Called us to do without interruption.

It is true that because of God’s Love, when the Word is preached, even though the person preaching may be out of “God’s Will”, people can still get ‘saved’; because the Word of God never returns void. (Isaiah 55:11)

It is also true that people may get ‘healed’ by God the Holy Spirit through those that are not in “God’s Will”. Christians can also still move in the “Charisma Gifts” of the Holy Spirit when they are not in “God’s Will”. This is because the “Charisma Gifts” are ‘outside of repentance’. In other words, whether we have ‘repented’ from our sins or not. (Psalms 68:18 Romans 11: 29)

This means that the ‘Gifts’ and the ‘Word of God’ do not come and go according to “OUR” walk, or else many would not get ‘Saved’ or receive help from the Lord.

If you search the Scriptures carefully however, you will find that when we are not in the “Perfect Will of God”, we are ‘conforming to the things of the world’ and to the ‘lusts of the flesh’, and we are not ‘Walking in the Spirit’.

Because of this, no way can we be ministering according to God’s perfect plan for our lives.

When we are not in “God’s Perfect Will”, we may not lose the “Charisma Gifts of the Holy Spirit, but we do lose the “Fruit of the Spirit”. When this happens, our attitude in ‘Serving’ God becomes warped and dry. No fruit = no love - no joy - no peace!
(Galatians 5: 22,23)

What this means is that if we try to function outside of “God’s Perfect Will”, we are headed for a fall and/or burnout. That is exactly what is happening to many Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders today!

While in the hospital, a few years ago, Timothy II had a “Death” and “Out of Body” experience and a visit to “Outer Darkness”. Afterwards he was lying in his bed reading the Bible, when all of a sudden The Lord Himself spoke very clearly to him, and said: “Timothy - you are my son Timothy - and you must get into My Will - or else I’m taking you out of here”. He didn’t say ‘His Perfect Will’ or ‘His Permissive Will’ - just “His Will”. Timothy II didn’t question the Lord, or ask Him which of His Wills did He mean! Prior to this time, Timothy II had been a heavy drinker, and the Lord couldn’t use him for the Work He had Called him to do. Needless to say, it only took this experience, and a view of Hell, to know the Lord meant business, and that you can’t play games with Him.

The “booze” went, and so did all the things of the flesh that Timothy II thought were important, until he had that experience. (Philippians 3: 8)

Since that time, it has been a ‘straight walk with Jesus’, with little veering to the right or to the left for Timothy II; and through much prayer and ‘continuous’ repentance, staying in the “Will of God”.

What keeps us from staying in “God’s Will”, is the “lust of the flesh” and “conforming to the things of this world”.

The Bible says that if we will “Walk in the Spirit” we will not fulfill the “lusts of the flesh”. (Galatians 5: 16)

The Bible also says that if we will not be ‘conformed to this world’, and that if we will ‘renew our minds’ in Christ; then we will know what is that “good”, “acceptable” and “Perfect Will of God”. This is His ‘ONLY’ Will.

Amen!

I. GOD’S PLAN:

Paul reveals that ‘God’s Plan’ for staying in “His Will”, is to give Him our bodies, and to continually renew our minds in Christ, and to ‘walk in’ and be ‘led by’ the Holy Spirit.

Rom 12:1-2

1 **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

2 **And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

Gal 5:16-18

16 **This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

17 **For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.**

18 **But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.**

Gal 5:24

24 **And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

(See - Romans 5:13 6:14 8:9 8:14)

II. GOD’S PROMISE:

If we will not love the world (‘the lust of the flesh’, ‘the lust of the eyes’, and ‘the pride of life’), but do “God’s Will”, we will be assured of Eternal Life!

I Jn 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.**

III. KNOWING GOD'S WILL AND NOT DOING IT:

The following Scriptures reveal that if we know "God's Will", and don't do it; we will receive a 'greater damnation'!

Luke 12:37

37 **Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:** verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

Luke 12:40-48

40 **Be ye therefore ready also:** for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 **Blessed is that servant,** whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 **But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;** and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 **The lord of that servant will come** in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, **and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**

(See - Hebrews 4:12 Ezekiel 33:13 Isaiah 1:28)

47 **And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.**

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:** and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

IV. THE BIG QUESTION:

The 'Big Question' is, if we are not in "God's Will" when we are 'Serving' Him, how do we know we are not one of these people?

Matt 7:21-23

21 **Not every one** that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, **shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

22 **Many will say** to me in that day, Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?**

23 **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

These ‘so called’ Christians thought they were moving in the “Charisma Gifts” of the Holy Spirit and in “Signs and Wonders”. Obviously they were not! Unless - they lost their Salvation!

(See - 2 Peter 2:20-21 Hebrews 6:4-6 10:26 Psalms 51:10-13)

V. AN EXAMPLE OF GOD’S SO CALLED “PERMISSIVE WILL”:

The Jews are a good example of knowing “God’s Will”, and thinking they are in His ‘so called’ “Permissive Will”, but actually do not know Him.

Rom 2:16-20

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

17 **Behold, thou art called a Jew,** and retest in the law, **and makest thy boast of God,**

18 **And knowest his will,** and approvest the things that are more excellent, **being instructed out of the law;**

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, **which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.**

Rom 2:28-29

28 **For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;** neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;** and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; **whose praise is not of men, but of God.**

Matt 8:11-12

11 **And I say unto you,** That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 **But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

(See - Matthew 21:43 Luke 13:28) (Read the Tract on “Outer darkness” by Timothy II)

VI. OTHER EXAMPLES OF BEING IN GOD'S SO CALLED "PERMISSIVE WILL":

When the Jews left Egypt they soon began 'lusting' and 'tempting' God in the desert. God gave them their requests but caused a 'leanness' in their souls. This is a result of not waiting for God's Counsel, which is what happens when we think we are in God's so-called "Permissive Will". How do we really know whether we are in "His Will" or not?

Ps 106:12-15 (See Psalm 106:9, 11)

- 12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.
 13 They soon forgot his works; **they waited not for his counsel:**
 14 **But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.**
 15 **And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.**

Ps 106:18

- 18 **And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.**

While the Jews were wandering in the desert for 40 years, they were fed Manna (Called Angel's food). However, they were not satisfied, so they complained to God and asked for meat. God granted them their request, so you could say that they were in His so-called "Permissive Will".

The results were that they 'received' what they had asked for, much like the 'Name it and Claim it' Group of today. In fact, they got so much, that it killed them!

The first one killed was the fattest!

This is proof that even though you may get what you ask for from God, doesn't mean you are in "His Will". Wait for the results!!

Ps 78:10-11

- 10 **They kept not the covenant of God,** and refused to walk in his law;
 11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

Ps 78:17-18

- 17 **And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High** in the wilderness.
 18 **And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.**

Ps 78:24-25

- 24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.
 25 Man did eat angels' food: **he sent them meat to the full.**

Ps 78:27

- 27 **He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:**

Ps 78:29-31

- 29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for **he gave them their own desire;**
 30 **They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,**

31 **The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men** of Israel.

Here they were killed by a great plague.

Num 11:31-34

31 **And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea,** and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

33 **And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.**

34 **And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hatta'avah:** (The graves of lust) **because there they buried the people that lusted.**

Those that believe in the 'Prosperity Doctrine' are a group that believes that they deserve to have lots of money, because they are in "God's Will". They may be granted their requests from God, but the results are often fatal. This is a result of being in God's so-called "Permissive Will", but not in "God's Perfect Will".

1 Tim 6:5-10

5 **Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds,** and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness:** from such withdraw thyself.

6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 **And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

9 **But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts,** which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after,** they have erred from the faith, **and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

(See - 1 John 4:5-6)

VII. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS BASED ON DOING THE WILL OF GOD:

Jesus said: Whosoever will do the "Will of God" is His brother and sister and mother.

Mark 3:35 (Matthew 12:50)

35 **For whosoever shall do the will of God,** the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

VIII. THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

It is important that we intercede for all of the “Body of Christ” to help keep them in “God’s Will”.

Col 4:12

12 **Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**

Col 1:9 (Paul & Timothy)

9 **For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**

God the Son and God the Holy Spirit also intercede for us according to “God the Father’s Will”.

Rom 8:34

34 **Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

Rom 8:26-27

26 **Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

27 **And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

(See - Jeremiah 17:10)

IX. THE RESULTS OF BEING IN GOD’S “PERFECT WILL”:

A. FOR TRAVEL:

We can relax in our travels when we are in “God’s Perfect Will”.

Rom 1:10 (Paul wrote)

10 **Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.**

Rom 15:32

32 **That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.**

B. FOR LEADERSHIP:

We are chosen for “Christian Leadership”, by the “Perfect Will of God”.

2 Tim 1:1 (1 Corinthians 1:1 2 Corinthians 1:1 Ephesians 1:1 Colossians 1:1)

1 **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God**, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
(See - Acts 1:25-26 2 Corinthians 8:19, 23 Ephesians 4:8, 11)

C. FOR SANCTIFICATION:

We are sanctified (set apart as Holy) by the “Perfect Will of God”. This keeps us from fornication.

1Thes 4:3

3 **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification**, that ye should abstain from fornication:

D. GIVING YOURSELVES TO THE LORD:

If we will first give ourselves to the Lord, then we will be able to join into the ‘ministry of the saints’, which is the “Perfect Will of God”.

2 Cor 8:4-5

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, **and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.**

5 And this they did, not as we hoped, **but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.**

E. FROM THE HEART:

We must do the “Perfect Will of God” from our Hearts, not our minds.

Eph 6:6

6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart;**

F. FOR WELL DOING:

It is the “Perfect Will of God” that we in the “Body of Christ” commit ourselves to doing ‘good works’.

Matt 5:16

16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Eph 2:10

10 **For we are** his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1 Pet 2:15

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

G. WITH SUFFERING:

However, it may be that we will suffer by the “Perfect Will of God” for that ‘well doing’!

1 Pet 3:17

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Pet 4:1-2

1 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 Pet 4:19

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

H. WITH THANKSGIVING:

It is the “Perfect Will of God” that we give ‘thanks’ in everything; yes, even in suffering!

1Thes 5:18

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

I. THE LORD WILL HEAR US:

When we are in the “Perfect Will of God”, we know that He hears our petitions and prayers.

John 9:31 (Certain Jews said)

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: **but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.**

(See - 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 Isaiah 59:1-2 Psalm 66:18)

I Jn 5:14

14 **And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

J. BECAUSE WE KNOW HIS WILL:

We know the ‘mystery’ of “God’s Perfect Will”, even though we sometimes choose to ignore it.

Eph 1:9

9 **Having made known unto us the mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 5:17

17 **Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.**
(See - Romans 12:1-2)

X. JESUS SAID:

When we are in “God’s Will”, we will do only what He wants. We will cease from our own works.

John 5:30

30 **I can of mine own self do nothing:** as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; **because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

Heb 4:9-10

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, **he also hath ceased from his own works**, as God did from his.

(See - Matthew 11:30)

XI. IF WE WILL DO HIS WILL:

If we are in “God’s Will”, we will know the difference between ‘False Doctrine’ and ‘Sound Doctrine’.

John 7:16-17

16 **Jesus** answered them, and **said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.**

17 **If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God,** or whether I speak of myself.

XII. THE GOOD NEWS:

The ‘Good News’ is that God has chosen us to know “His Will”!

Acts 22:14 (Ananias told Saul/Paul)

14 And he said, **The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will**, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

PRE - CONCLUSION:

HOWEVER:

Even though we have done “God’s Will”, we still need to have patience and endurance.

Heb 10:36

36 **For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.**

CONCLUSION:

Our prayer for you today is that God will make you perfect, to do “His Will” in everything that you do for Him, through Jesus Christ.

Heb 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.**

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