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Knowing God's will

- 1) It is God's will that we should be saved
- 2) It is God's will, once you are saved, that you surrender your life and all that is yours to Him.
- 3) The third requirement of God's revealed will is that each and every Christian be continually filled with His Holy Spirit.
- 4) It is God's revealed will that we be submissive to all of God's ordained authority.
- 5) It is certainly God's will that we be sanctified.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NKJV)

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 4:4 (NKJV)

4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

1 Thessalonians 4:5 (NKJV)

5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

1 Thessalonians 4:6 (NKJV)

6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NKJV)

7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:8 (NKJV)

8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

- 6) The sixth passage revealing God's will for us is to serve.

Ephesians 6:6 (NKJV)

6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

Ephesians 6:7 (NKJV)

7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

Luke 22:27 (NKJV)

27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

Serving God can be summed up with 3 distinctive commands given to the Christian:

1. Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)

31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Worship is the key word.

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2) Occupy until I come.

Luke 19:13 (NKJV)

13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

Warfare is the key word!

3) Testify

Mark 1:7 (NKJV)

7 And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

Witness is the key word!

7) The seventh passage demonstrating the revealed will of God is suffering.

1 Peter 3:14 (NKJV)

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

1 Peter 3:16 (NKJV)

16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

1 Peter 3:17 (NKJV)

17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV)

12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

8) The eight passage containing God's revealed will is Sacrificial Giving.

2 Corinthians 8:5 (NKJV)

5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

9) The last passage of revealing God's will for us is thankfulness.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

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Ephesians 5:20 (NKJV)

20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,