

## GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

1. There are three categories of will in history:
  - A. Divine will
  - B. Angelic will
  - C. Human will
  
2. The cardinal principle for the will of God in the human race:
  - A. For the unbeliever, salvation. 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**"
  - B. For the believer, spirituality. Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit.**"
  
3. **The humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ had free will.**
  - A. No free will in mankind would imply no free will in the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - B. The basic principle of Divine Guidance, however, is based on the fact that man possesses volition of the soul, and/or free will.
  - C. Matthew 26:42, "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if this cup may pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done."
  - D. Hebrews 10:7, 9, "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God." "Then said He, Lo I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second."
  
4. **The three types of the will of God related to the human race, i.e., Balaam.**
  - A. Directive will of God. Numbers 22:12, "And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed."
  - B. Permissive will of God. Numbers 22:20, "And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do."
  - C. Overruling will of God. Numbers 23.
  
5. Academic principles of Divine guidance.
  - A. Knowledge of the Word of God.
    1. Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye."
    2. Proverbs 3:1-6.
    3. Isaiah 58:11, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."
    4. Romans 12:2, "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."
  - B. Yieldedness: The filling of the Holy Spirit.
    1. Romans 6:13, "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

2. Romans 12:1, 2, "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. 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."
  3. Ephesians 5:17-18, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit.**"
  4. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- C. Growth: The maturity of the soul.
1. 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in GRACE, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."
  2. James 4:6, "But He giveth more GRACE. Wherefore He said, God resisteth the proud, but giveth GRACE unto the humble."
6. The will of God for the Christian here on earth.
    - A. The viewpoint will of God: What does God want me to think?
    - B. The operational will of God: What does God want me to do?
    - C. The geographical will of God: Where does God want me to be?
  7. The mechanics of the will of God: Acts 11.
    - A. Guidance through prayer. Acts 11:5, "I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me."
    - B. Guidance through the mind. Acts 11:6, "Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the Earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air."
    - C. Guidance through the Word. Acts 11:7-10, "And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter: slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the Voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven."
    - D. Guidance through providential circumstances. Acts 11:11, "And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me."
    - E. Guidance through the filling of the Holy Spirit. Acts 11:12, "And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house."
    - F. Guidance through fellowship and comparison of data. Acts 11:13-15, "And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in this house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning."
    - G. Guidance through remembering Scriptures. Acts 11:16, "Then remembered I the Word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."