



*Finding
God's Will
For Your Life*

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Preface

I will be using the KJV of the Bible as my primary resource. However, I will also draw information from published articles that are on the Internet.

The purpose of this study is to help believers to find and keep the will of God for their lives. What to do in certain situations is vital to pleasing the Lord and keeping in the center of His divine Will.

The eBook format will allow free download options for individuals and group studies. The “How To” editorial is also a plus.

I will be sharing specific scriptures that will erase any doubts that may arise concerning God’s Will for His children. My hope is that every reader will walk away with a clear perspective of who God really is, His destiny for His children and the principles that take us into God’s presence and keep us in His will.

Introduction

When I was a young Christian, I wished with all my heart that I could actually know the will of God. I often sent up prayers to heaven saying, “Lord, what do I do now?” It got so bad that I could hardly drive my car because I couldn’t decide if God wanted me in the left or right lane.

Months went by with my continual prayers to God that shouted into heaven, “What Do I Do Now?” Finally, I was invited to a bible study, started going to church and began reading my Bible. The answers came ever so slow but fast enough for me to digest and store them away in my heart.

Now, after 50+ years of Bible study, prayer and application of scriptures given to me from the Lord, I can say with confidence that I do know and understand God’s will for my life. I am still learning and studying and applying. I even, at times, ask my self, “Why didn’t I see that before now?”

I am going to open your eyes if you are blind, refresh spirit if it is weary and strengthen your personal walk with Jesus, our Savior by providing the tools needed to keep on keeping on. *Hang on!* It’s sure to be an exciting adventure.



Knowing That You Know

If you call yourself a Child of God, you will agree with me that you ought to know the Will of your Heavenly Father. You are openly admitting to a relationship and claiming family rights and access. Are we in agreement so far?



Knowing God is a logical assumption when we claim to be His child. Yet most of the Christians I know have serious doubts about what the Will of God is for their lives. This can only mean one of two things:

1. Your relationship with God the Father is not a close one. You pray, He listens, but you rarely feel His presence or hear His Voice....*or*
2. *You have claimed to be a child of God but really are not.* You know there is something not right but are too ashamed or afraid to openly admit to not being a child of God.

In either scenario mentioned above, there is a way to “*know that you know*” so there is no more doubt. However, knowing that you know takes Faith. God is speaking all the time through the bible, through His Spirit and through other folks that He brings into your life. *The quick fix* to knowing that you know is to listen and believe.

I can say, without a doubt, that I know the Will of God for my life. I can make such a claim because God, my Heavenly Father, has published 66 books with over 3,000 promises and many great statements as to what His will is for His children. It’s all there in the bible, just waiting for me to dig it out, listen and believe.



To know that you know is a great feeling because there is no anxiety in it. I know and have been persuaded that this way is the right way and my new perspective brings me a lot of comfort, peace and hope both now and in the future.

“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.” Isaiah 30:21

The Bible says, “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**.¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” **Romans 8:15-17**

As the scripture says, the Spirit of God will bear witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. If you’ve even felt, seen or otherwise realized the witness of God’s Spirit, you will know, without a shadow of a doubt, that you are a child of God.... and if a child also a joint heir with Christ.

How Does The Holy Spirit Bear Witness With Our Spirit?



Notice that the apostle Paul didn’t say that the Spirit bears witness with our flesh, our souls or minds. He didn’t say the witness would be through the intellect. He said the witness would be from Spirit to spirit. That means it could be one of many gentle quiet assurances that we did the right thing at the right time. It could be a sense of stability when things are going rough. It could be, an “I just know” feeling.

The point here is that God’s Spirit is talking to us and our spirit is listening and rejoicing that it can hear God when He speaks. One definite witness, that I can recall, is when I read the scriptures they started jumping off the page with new and fresh revelation. The Bible, all of a sudden, came alive and spoke directly to my spirit. God’s Holy Spirit was and is still confirming to me that I am a child of the Living God.

So we have a quiet assurance and a loud voice that calls us to the Word of God, where we receive faith, instruction, assurance, strength, and knowledge and a lot more. God’s witness is everywhere.



It's Not Rocket Science



Finding God's Will is not rocket science. We have already learned that God's Holy Spirit is available to confirm or excuse our decisions in life. We also know that it is our, "Free Will" that engages truth and activates faith to empower us to walk in the Spirit.

The key to knowing is absolute submission to His Will before we know it, when we know it and after we obey it. Here's what Jesus said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." **John 17:7**

We have to be ready and willing to do His Will. When we are, we will know the doctrine or revelation knowledge necessary to live and prosper in this life. Why should God give us the knowledge of His will if we are not willing or not ready to use it? That would be a waste of time and energy on God's part and He just doesn't operate that way.

He has, however, already revealed His will in the pages of the Bible. If we really want to know, we can read and discover and learn and apply all that God has for us. So, [where to look?](#) How about the bible? I will take you on a journey so you can discover it for yourself. We will look at several scriptures and discuss them.

God's Divine Will As Revealed In The Bible

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." **Genesis 1:26**



God wanted to create man, (Mankind or Male & Female). His divine will was to create us. He did that in His likeness and image. Then He gave us dominion over the earth and all its life forms. What does this say to us? Simply this, we were

not a mistake, after thought or freak mutation of nature that evolved. We were a specific, deliberate design to accomplish the goals and objectives of God in the earth.

”And let them have dominion” **Genesis 1:26** The word, “Them” is all of us. We were to rule as the “Head” and not the Tail.

Will of God...Revelation #1...So, *God’s will for our lives is to take dominion over evil and live in such a way as to reveal the image and likeness of God.*

Man Is Created Male & Female

Genesis 2:18-25 is the biblical record of God creating Woman as a help meet for Adam. “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

“And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **22**And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **23**And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **24**Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. **25**And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”



Will of God...Revelation #2... *It is God’s Will for a man to have a woman at his side.* God ordained marriage and joined them together. *Where does this leave Homosexuality? It was never in the will of God.*





The Fall of Man Death In Adam, Life In Christ

([Genesis 3:1-7](#); [Genesis 7:1-5](#); [2 Peter 3:1-9](#))

12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **13** (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." **Romans 5:12-14**

Romans 5:18-21 tells us, "Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. **19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. **20** Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: **21** That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Man falls from God's reality into the darkness of sin. He lost the image and likeness of God, But, God still loves him and makes a plan for his restoration. Man Is justified by the blood of Jesus and His righteousness was imparted to us, that is, all who believe.

Will of God...Revelation #3...*God loves us & does not want us to*



perish. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 3:16** **Whoever believes is given eternal life.**

"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.*" **II Peter 2:9**

We must repent of our sin. Salvation is essential to knowing God's Will.

Will of God...Revelation #3...*God wants us to repent and accept Jesus as our Savior and live in relationship with Him.*

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 **He died for us that we might live for him. This is the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Will of God...Revelation #4...*God wants us to live life with a thankful heart.* This allows God to be God over us and allows us to express our dependence upon Him.

Give Thanks In Everything

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” **I Thessalonians 5:17**

The Bible is filled with commands to give thanks to God (Psalm 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 1 Chronicles 16:34; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). Most verses go on to list reasons why we should thank Him, such as “His love endures forever” (Psalm 136:3), “He is good” (Psalm 118:29), and “His mercy is everlasting” (Psalm 100:5). Thanksgiving and praise always go together. We cannot adequately praise and worship God without also being thankful.



Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. Like any wise father, God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us (James 1:17). It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratefulness, we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. Human beings are prone to covetousness. We tend to focus on what we *don't* have. By giving thanks continually we are reminded of how much we *do* have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start

thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.” (Excerpts from www.gotquestions.org)”

Will of God...Revelation #5...God is worthy of our trust and when we trust in, rely upon and adhere to His voice, He will direct our paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 offers another “Will of God” Revelation. *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*



Why should we trust the Lord? Many Christians ask that question because of adverse situations they are in or have gone through. Here are a few reasons:

1. **God is not a liar.** He will always deal with us from a vantage point of truth.
2. **God is immutable,** which means, He can never change. He does not say one thing and do another. When He speaks. Well, listen to how Isaiah put it...”So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.” **Isaiah 55:11**
3. **God is Love...** This can only mean that He has no hate in him. His war and revenge is against His enemies who walk in darkness, steal, kill and destroy. His children are the *“Apple of His Eye”* and the subject of His grace.
4. **God is our Protector...**”The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.” **Psalm 34:7**
5. **God really does care for us...**”Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” **I Peter 5:7** “Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.” **Psalm 55:22**
6. **God is a God of Blessings, Not Curses...**(Psalms 1:1-3) Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; {2} But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

{3} He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

7. **God is a God of Peace....** “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.” **Romans 16:20**

Because of who He is, we can, with confidence, acknowledge Him, trust Him, disregard our own feelings and follow His lead. He will always direct our paths.



Will of God...Revelation #6... *God's highest will is to bring us back to where He had originally intended us to be, like Him. Thus He speaks through the pages of the bible, letting us know that He wants us to set ourselves apart for fellowship with Him.*

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:” I Thessalonians 4:3

The generic meaning of sanctification is "the state of proper functioning." To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer. A pen is "sanctified" when used to write. Eyeglasses are "sanctified" when used to improve sight. In the theological sense, things are sanctified when they are used for the purpose God intends.

The Greek word translated "sanctification" (hagiasmos [aJgiasmov"]) means "holiness." To sanctify, therefore, means, "to make holy." In one sense only God is holy (Isa 6:3). God is separate, distinct, and other. No human being or thing shares the holiness of God's essential nature. There is one God. Yet Scripture speaks about holy things. Moreover, God calls human beings to be

“A human being is sanctified, when he or she lives according to God's design and purpose.”

“holyas” or holy as he is holy (Lev 11:44 ; Matt 5:48 ; 1 Peter 1:15-16). Another word for a holy person is "saint" (hagios [a&gio"]), meaning a sanctified one. The opposite of sanctified is "profane" (Lev 10:10).

The imperfect state of creation is a reminder that God's fully sanctified purpose for it has been disrupted by sin. Evil is the deprivation of the good that God intends for the creation He designed. The creation groans, awaiting its sanctification when everything will be set right (Rom 8:21-22 ; Rev. 20-21).

Human beings, made in God's image, were the pinnacle and focus of his creation. The sanctification of human beings, therefore, is the highest goal of God's work in the universe. God explicitly declared it to be his will (1 Thess 4:3). He purposed that human beings be "like him" in a way no other created thing is. Human beings are like God in their stewardship over creation (Gen 1:26-31). Yet this role is dependent on a more fundamentally important likeness to God-moral character. By virtue of God-given discretionary autonomy (faith), human beings may so depend upon God that his moral character (communicable attributes) are displayed. (Dictionaries - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology - Sanctification)

We can never be holy in ourselves as He is Holy but by faith, we can become the very righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. **“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” II Corinthians 5:21**

Will of God...Revelation #7... *God wants us to allow the mind of Christ to be in us*

and to join Him in humility, and servitude so He can highly exalt us with Christ. **“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and



became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. “ ” **Philippians 2:5-11**

Will of God...Revelation #8...*God wants His Peace to Rule or referee in our hearts.*

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” **Colossians 3:15**

The word “Rule” in verse 15 actually expresses the intent to “Reign”. It also can be interpreted as Referee as in a game. Paul is telling the church to allow the peace of God to referee any and all situations as though they were a game. By doing so, you can use God’s peace as a referee’s whistle. It will blow with anxiety, confusion, worry and so on to let you know that you are off sides and in need of a reconnect with the Holy Spirit to attain the peace and sustain an attitude of thankfulness.

If you find yourself in anger, worry or any other such attitude, you can automatically know that you have lost God’s peace. God wants you to walk and live in His peace so you do not have to experience all that jazz of the flesh. It will kill you if left unattended.



Will of God...Revelation #9...*God wants us to prove what is the good, and perfect will of God.*

”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.” **Romans 12:1**

We cannot leave the proof of what is or is not acceptable or perfect Will of God to non-believers. We need to be the Bible that they will not read. We need to demonstrate what good is and what perfect is so others around us can see what the perfect will of God is. The only way to get the job done is to reject the pull of this world into all its sin and be transformed in our minds so we do not fall for the wiles of the devil.

How do we renew our minds? By transforming your own mind from always thinking evil to allowing the mind of Christ to dwell in you. (See Revelation #7 above) He will do the rest. Your mission is to not be conformed to this world but to align yourself with God’s Will.

Will of God...Revelation #10... God wants us to Put on the whole armor of God so the devil can't hurt us.



“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you

the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” **Ephesians 6:10-13**

Our fight is with the rulers of darkness. We are fighting because we need to defend ourselves. If we don't, we will become open game for the devil. Hear what Peter says in **I Peter 5:8-9**, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

Will of God...Revelation #11...*God Wants Us to Guard our Hearts With All Diligence.*

“Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” **Proverbs 4:23** To keep ones heart is to guard it with all diligence. It implies that we should act as a gatekeeper that allows good things in and bad things from getting in. God wants us to protect our spiritual growth and resources. They can be depleted and even stolen by the devil.

Will of God...Revelation #12...*God Wants Us to Pray Without Ceasing*

“Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” **I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

We pray without ceasing when we start our day talking to God and maintain an atmosphere of prayer all day. We rejoice and give thanks along the way and life flows along like a calm gentle sea.

Will of God...Revelation #13...God Wants Us To Have Fellowship With Him.

Fellowship With God

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;” **I John 1:1**

This simple and bold statement means that one can have a relationship with *God*. This idea would surprise many of John's readers, and it should be astounding to us. The Greek mind-set highly prized the idea of *fellowship*, but restricted to men among men - the idea of such an intimate relationship with God was revolutionary.

Jesus started the same kind of revolution among the Jews when He invited men to address God as *Father* (Matthew 6:9). We really can have a living, breathing relationship with God the Father, and with Jesus Christ. He can be, not only our Savior, but also our counselor and our closest friend.



Actually, for many people this is totally unappealing. Sometimes it is because they don't know who God is, and an invitation to a "personal relationship with God" is about as attractive to them as telling an eighth-grader they can have a "personal relationship with the assistant principal." But when we know the greatness, the goodness, and the glory of God, we *want* to have a relationship with Him.

Other people turn from this relationship with God because they feel so distant from Him. They *want* a relationship with God, but feel so disqualified, so distant. They need to know what God has done to make this kind of relationship possible.

John identified this eternally existent being, who was physically present with John and others as **the Word of Life**. This is the same *Logos* spoken of in John 1:1.

The idea of the *Logos* - of the **Word** - was important for John and for the Greek and Jewish worlds of his day. For the Jew, God was often referred to as *the Word* because they knew God perfectly revealed Himself in His Word. For the Greek, their philosophers had spoken for centuries about the *Logos* - the basis for organization and intelligence in the universe, the Ultimate Reason which controls all things.

It is as if John said to everyone, "This *Logos* you have been talking about and writing about for centuries - well, we have heard Him, seen Him, studied Him, and touched Him. Let me now tell you about Him."

This life was **manifested**, meaning that it was made actually and physically real. John testified as an eyewitness (**we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you**) that this was the case. This was no fairy tale, no "Once upon a time" story. This was real, and John tells us about it as an eyewitness. (Excerpts from *David Guzik article on Fellowship With God*)

Will of God...Revelation #14...*God Wants You To Seek His Kingdom First, Above All Else In life*

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." **Matthew 6:33**



Jesus said to seek first the kingdom of God in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:33). The verse's meaning is as direct as it sounds. We are to seek the things of God as a priority over the things of the world. Primarily, it means we are to seek the salvation that is inherent in the kingdom of God because it is of greater value than all the world's riches.

Does this mean that we should neglect the reasonable and daily duties that help sustain our lives? Certainly not. But for the Christian, there should be a difference in attitude toward them. If we are taking care of God's business as a priority—seeking His salvation, living in obedience to Him, and sharing the good news of the kingdom with others—then He will take care of our business as He promised—and if that's the arrangement, where is worrying?

But how do we know if we're truly seeking God's kingdom first? There are questions we can ask ourselves. "Where do I primarily spend my energies? Is all my time and money spent on goods and activities that will certainly perish, or in the services of God—the results of which live on for eternity?" Believers who have learned to truly put God first may then rest in this holy dynamic: "...and all these things will be given to you as well."

God has promised to provide for His own, supplying every need (Philippians 4:19), but His idea of what we need is often different from ours, and His timing will only occasionally meet our expectations.

A growing number of false teachers are gathering followers under the message "God wants you to be rich!" But that philosophy is not the counsel of the Bible. It is certainly not the counsel of Matthew 6:33, which is not a formula for gaining wealth. It is a description of how God works. Jesus taught that our focus should be away from this world—its status and its lying allurements—and placed upon the things of God's kingdom. (Excerpts from gotquestions.org)



Matthew 6:33 is a call to priorities. We are invited to have fellowship with Christ but not in the appetites of sinful flesh. He wants us to walk with Him in His kingdom. Jesus says that if we sell out to Him, He will provide for us but if our selling out is to get rich, we have missed it before we start. God certainly wants us to prosper and be in good health but not by manipulation or exultation of self.

Will of God...Revelation #15...*God wants us to be filled with His Holy Spirit*

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" **Ephesians 5:18-19**



This scripture clearly reveals God's Will for His Followers: Don't get drunk, Be Filled and Sing. I want to focus more closely on being filled with the Spirit. I am

sure you will agree that he is not referring to the spirit of evil or the human spirit of which we are already absorbed. It is obvious that the Spirit we need to be filled with is none other than the Spirit of The Lord.

How does one get filled with God's Spirit? The text here uses Greek words that mean to be continually filled as though it were possible to use up the Spirit and find yourself to be empty. I think that many Christians are running on empty and are in serious need of a fill-up.

Paul wrote: "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." In the original Greek, the phrase "be filled" is a present-tense verb.

To signify a "one-time filling," Paul would have used the past tense or a future verb tense; instead, he chose the present tense to denote that the filling of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event, but a continual experience. Scripture says that we must be continually filled with the Spirit, not just once or twice.

The word filling seems awkward when referring to the Holy Spirit's entrance into our lives. The Spirit of God is not a liquid, like water. He does not fill a person the way cold milk fills a cup. The Holy Spirit is God—He is one in essence with the Father and the Son—but He is also a distinct Personality and has all the attributes thereof. That is why we refer to the Holy Spirit as the third Person of the Trinity. Many Scripture passages point to these facts.

Like a person, the Holy Spirit searches, helps and guides. He knows; He feels; He wills. Scripture speaks of the Holy Spirit's mind, His love and His instruction. In **Ephesians 4:30**, Paul wrote: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." The only way we can grieve someone is if the one we are grieving has feelings.

Because the Holy Spirit is a Personality, it makes more sense to talk about the Holy Spirit's control or compulsion in our lives, rather than His filling of our lives. Holy Spirit-driven is a good way to look at our response to His control.

A person who is filled with the Spirit is driven by the Spirit—driven in a gentle, loving way. A Spirit-driven person allows the Holy Spirit to direct and guide every decision. Because the world, the flesh and the devil oppose the Spirit-controlled lifestyle, we need to be filled and renewed continually. (Excerpts taken from Joel Comiskey's article CBN.org.)

Baptism with the **Holy Spirit** or in the **Holy Spirit** in Christian theology is a term describing **baptism** (washing or immersion) in or with the **Spirit** of God and is frequently associated with the bestowal of **spiritual** gifts and empowerment for Christian ministry. (**Acts 1:5,8**)

To illustrate, consider this...if we drank water from a glass, then the water would be inside us. However, if we went to the beach and stepped into the ocean, then we would be in the water. We receive, as it were, a drink of the Holy Spirit when we are saved, but when we are baptized in the Spirit, it is as if that initial drink becomes an ocean that completely surrounds us.

Just as the indwelling Spirit that Christians receive when they are saved reproduces *the life* of Jesus, so the outpoured, or baptizing, Spirit reproduces *the ministry* of Jesus, including miracles and healings.



When Jesus gave the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**), He knew that His disciples could not fulfill it in their own power. Therefore, He had a special gift in store for them: It was His plan to give them the same power that He had -- the power of the Spirit of God. So, immediately after giving them the Great Commission, Jesus commanded his disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father promised, "which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (**Acts 1:4-5**). He further promised: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (**Acts 1:8**).

The disciples waited in Jerusalem as Jesus had commanded, and one day when they were all together, "suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance" (**Acts 2:3,4**). Then Peter explained to the crowd that gathered that they were seeing the working of God's Spirit and told them about Jesus. The Christian church began that day with the disciples and the *three thousand people* who joined them as a result of the day's events.

We can undertake making disciples of all nations with some degree of success without the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but when we do, we are undertaking a supernatural task with limited power.



It is God's will -- it is His commandment -- that we be baptized with and continually filled with the Holy Spirit: ***"Be filled with the Spirit"*** (Ephesians 5:18). The knowledge and reality of the empowering Spirit enables us to reproduce the works of Jesus. (Excerpts from CBN.org)

So, as I see it, the baptism of the Spirit is given so the believer can receive ministry gifts to aid in his or her service to the lord. The In-filling of the Spirit is to replenish the refreshing required to continue day to day. One has to do with reaching out to others. The other has to do with hearing and fellowshiping with God so we have direction, purpose and a clear focus.

Will of God...Revelation #16... *God Wants Us to Know That He Is Working Everything Together For Good.*

Why should we Trust God, Give Thanks, Pray Without Ceasing, and follow all the other teachings of Jesus? I would venture to say because of **Romans 8:28**, "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."

God's Will is clearly revealed but only accomplished in the lives of those that Love God and are the called according to His purposes. We also know that God calls everyone to repentance and salvation (John 3:16) The next pre-qualifier is that we love God. You would think that His children love their father. If they do not, it's because they do not know Him. In any event, Loving God is the prime directive. Jesus said, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." **Mark 12:30**



Conclusion

I am sure you will see even more scriptures that will reveal the Will of God for your life as you keep reading the Bible. I have listed some more prominent ones so you can get a feel for what to look for as you read.

So far we have discovered 16, “God Wants” that should be active in our lives today. These revelation truths are as follows:

1. God Wants Us To Be Filled With His Holy Spirit.
2. God Wants Us To Seek His Kingdom First, Above All Else In life.
3. God Wants Us To Have Fellowship With Him.
4. God Wants Us To Pray Without Ceasing.
5. God Wants Us To Guard Our Hearts With All diligence.
6. God Wants Us To Put On The Whole Armor of God So The devil Can't Hurt Us.
7. God Wants Us To Prove What Is The Good, And Perfect Will of God.
8. God Wants Us To Let The Peace of God Rule or Referee.
9. God Wants Us To Allow The Mind of Christ To Dwell In Us.
10. God Wants Us To Set Ourselves Apart For His Use And Pleasure.
11. God Wants Us To Live Life With A Thankful Heart.
12. It Is God's Will For A Man To Have A Woman At His Side.
13. God Wants Us To Repent And Accept Jesus As Our Savior And Live In Relationship With Him.
14. God's will for our lives is to take dominion over evil and live in such a way as to reveal the image and likeness of God.
15. God Is Worthy of Our Trust And When We Trust In, Rely Upon And Adhere To His Voice, He Will Direct Our Paths.
16. God Wants Us to Know That He Is Working Everything Together For Good.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

The best way to find God's Will for your life is not to ask friends, family, or anyone else. They are not God and often are wrong in their own decisions, which, if I am right, will show up in their lives as a testimony against them.

The best way to know God's Will is to ask God in prayer, stay in the Bible and look for direction, correction and guidance. *It's all there*. If you start a log of scripture verses and what they specifically meant to you, you'll have a history to refer to when you feel lost or confused.

Remember This



All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

II Timothy 3:16

The Best way to live in this world is to apply the scriptures and live in them moment by moment. The truth you find in the scriptures will far exceed what this world has to offer.

