

Rightly Dividing the Word: The Will of God

Romans 2:17-18

I. God's Revealed Will – Divine Directions

- A. Anything commanded in the Bible. (Matthew 12:50, Luke 8:21)
- B. Romans 8:26-30 gives us a broad overview of the will of God for Christians.
- C. It is God's revealed will that we live a sanctified and holy life. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7)
- D. It is God's revealed will that we give thanks in everything. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- E. It is God's revealed will that we serve those in authority from the heart. (Ephesians 6:5-8)
- F. It is God's revealed will that we submit to the ordinances of man for the Lord's sake. (1 Peter 2:13-16)
- G. It is God's revealed will that we redeem the time. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
- H. It is God's revealed will that we be not conformed to this world but be transformed to the image of Christ. (Romans 12:1-2)
- I. It is God's revealed will that we trust Jesus and that we share the gospel so that others can trust Jesus. (2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:3-4)

II. God's Applied will.

III. God's plan for my life.

- A. God has a plan for you and I that operates within circumstances, is subject to change, and includes options.
- B. What are some principles regarding God's plan for my life?
 - 1. God's plan will never contradict His Word.
 - 2. God's plan will be revealed over time.
 - 3. God's plan can include options.
 - 4. God's plan can change as you grow.
 - 5. There are things in God's plan that will become God's will.
 - 6. If you are not following God's will, you will mess up God's plan.
- C. How do I find God's plan?
 - 1. You don't find God's plan by:
 - 2. Focus on doing God's will.
 - 3. Use and be submissive to the tools that God has given us for determining His plan.
 - a. The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth.
 - b. The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
 - c. God has given us godly counselors in other believers.
 - d. God has given you parents to help direct you in your life.
 - e. God has given you pastors to guide you.
 - f. God has given you a spiritual gift to use for His glory.