

# "How Can I Know and Do God's Perfect Will without Him Having to Push Me?"

2 Questions from Last Sunday Night:

- "How Can I Know and Do God's Perfect Will without Him Having to Push Me?"
- "Does God Change His Mind, and does He do so in Job 33:14?"

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Some have wondered how to reconcile the sovereign will of God with our ability to choose. The best way to illustrate this would be to think of a mighty aircraft carrier, sailing across the sea. The ship would represent the sovereign unchanging will of God. The ship, everyone and everything on that ship are at all times headed a certain direction unstoppably. But, all over the ship each passenger has choices about: what they do, where they go, and how they behave on the ship.

Jesus simplified things in the early days. He reduced the life of a believer down to: "Follow Me". Those two words

## First, God has Given the Proverbs 3:5-6 Grid

1. **Trust in the Lord with all your Heart (Give Him your Heart):** 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Bought at price to glorify Him; means glorify God seek him first delete
2. **Lean not on own understanding (Give Him your Mind):** Rom 12:1-2 The greatest thing is to be useful to the Lord
3. **In all way Acknowledge Him (Give Him your Body):** Gal. 2:20 Crucified Life; Seek to Follow God through His Word;
4. **He shall direct your path (literally "make smooth or straight") (Give Him your Life):** as Psalm 16:11 says: He shows; we stay in presence

## Second, God has offered to Guide & arrange our lives.

- If you will listen to the Lord speak to you through the Word **you can rest in His arrangements for your life.** "*You will show me the path of life*"
- If you will listen to the Lord speak to you through the Word **you can enjoy His companionship through life.** "*In Your presence is fullness of joy:*"

- If you will listen to the Lord speak to you through the Word **you can rest in His authority over your life.** “At *Your right hand* are pleasures forevermore”

## Third, God has Given Specific Desires for our Lives

1. **Spirit Filled** Eph 5:17-21 (NKJV) Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what **the will of the Lord is.** <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another in the fear of God.
2. **Sanctified** I Th 4:3-7 (NKJV) For **this is the will of God**, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;<sup>4</sup> that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.
3. **Submissive** I Peter 2:13-15 (NKJV) Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For **this is the will of God**, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

Fourth, God has Simplified our His Daily Plan for our Life

John 1:44 Follow Me

"Does God Change His Mind, and does He do so in Job 33:14?"

Deut 32:4

Mal 3:6

Heb 13:8

James 1:17