

## Kingdom Living—Doing the Will of God

**“There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, ‘All right, then, have it your way.’” C.S. Lewis**

Introduction:

I remember Mark Driscoll sharing his method of counseling:

1. What’s the problem?
2. What has God told you to do?
3. Are you going to do it?

There are two kinds of God’s will:

1. God’s will of decree or sovereignty:

2. God’s will of command:

***Matthew 12:50, “For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”***

1. Jesus recognizes family members :

***Romans 8:26-27, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”***

1. The Holy Spirit will never direct our prayers into:

***Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”***

1. A mind that is in love with this world’s system is not:

2. A mind that has been renewed by the transforming power of the Word of God is:

***2 Corinthians 8:1-5, “We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.”***

1. Doing the will of God is not determined:

***Ephesians 6:5-6, “Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart...”***

1. Doing the will of God includes:

***Philippians 2:13, “...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”***

1. God makes us want:

***Colossians 4:12, “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.”***

1. Praying for each other empowers us:

***1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body, in holiness and honor...”***

1. It is always the will of God that we become and remain:

***1 Thessalonians 5:18, “...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”***

1. It is always the will of God that:

***Psalm 40:8, "I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."***

1. Doing the will of God is:

***Hebrews 10:36, "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised."***

1. Doing the will of God will:

***1 Peter 2:15, "For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people."***

1. It is God's will that we act in such a way that:

***1 Peter 4:2, "...so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God."***

1. Doing the will of God means not doing:

***1 John 2:17, "And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."***

1. Doing the will of God is the only thing we will do:

Conclusion: