**Performing the Lord’s Will**

A study and reflection about our walk with Jesus

Key Text: Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is.*

Introduction: The intent of this little study is to explore not only what you don’t recall and need to refresh in order to enter the discussion, but also to share your personal discoveries and Ebenezers that have helped you truly know how the Father has helped and leads you still.

Some helpful resources: Look up “will of” in a computerized Bible to find such texts as Mat 7:21; Rom 12:2; 1 Thes 4:3, and any others. Look up “commandment” in the New Testament and relate some scriptures to performing the Lord’s will concerning your walk with Him.

**R4859** ***“****One of the most important lessons for the spiritual Israelite to learn is to look to the Lord for leading in all of life's affairs—never to attempt any undertaking, either temporal or spiritual, without seeking to note the will of the Lord concerning it.”*

R5284 *“Those who are anxious to know the* *will of the Lord and to study it grow the more rapidly, and thus have more of the Holy Spirit.**These are***zealous***to do the***Lord's***will.* *Their progress is not attributable wholly to themselves, but especially to the favor of God.”*

**R5475 *“****The Lord teaches His followers that they are to reason for themselves; they should read between the lines in their study of the Bible, to gain the instruction which He there furnishes.**They will thus be better enabled to know His will, and will come more and more to see how much better God's will is than their own…”*

R5770 *“It is highly important that we seek for a still closer walk with God, a more intimate fellowship with Him, a more thorough self-abnegation, a more diligent cross-bearing, a more faithful conformity in every respect to the whole will of the Lord concerning us.**And this will of the Lord , we know, is not unreasonable, and His grace sufficient is promised for every day, every hour, every moment!”*

1. What might walking after the spiritual instincts of the new nature entail? That is, what changes to how we *think* then actually *do* throughout the day would it mean?
2. Why reveal His plan at all to us now? See Eph 1:8,9
3. How does submitting ourselves to the wisdom from above help us to perform God’s will? 1 Cor 1:30
4. How much disappointment can we know if we do the will of God? Rom 8:28
5. What do prunings and trimmings mean as regards doing God’s will? John 15:1-11,15
6. What does self-denial mean as regards doing the will of God? Matt 16:24
7. Is Luke 9:23 an expression of God’s daily will concerning us?
8. Examine Phil 4:8 and discuss how detailed can we be in determining and then doing God’s will?
9. What is the conflict between Mammon versus the Lord’s will and how can we be on God’s side in this? Matt 6:24
10. How may we “abide in him” ? John 15:7
11. Does Eph 5:17 give us any instruction about God’s will?
12. How do apostolic admonitions coincide with doing the Lord’s will (specifically 1 Thes 5:17)

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Let us endeavor to have more and more of the mind, the spirit of God—to have his word abide in us richly (***[John 15:7](http://www.htdbv8.com/KJVBible/htdb0043.htm" \l "John15:7" \t "kjv)***; ***[Col. 3:16](http://www.htdbv8.com/KJVBible/htdb0051.htm" \l "Col3:16" \t "kjv)***)—to have and to keep his commandments, that the abiding presence of the Father and the Son may be with us; and that, realizing that the Christ character and life are definitely formed in us, the hope of glory may be ours; for our Lord said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (***[Matt. 7:21](http://www.htdbv8.com/KJVBible/htdb0040.htm" \l "Matt7:21" \t "kjv)***.) How careful then should we be in seeking both to know and to do the will of God. Many indeed will come forth with the plea of their wonderful works, hoping to be admitted into the kingdom, but only those will be recognized who have done the will of the Lord, and who have no theories or works of their own whereof to boast.

R5843 “… the spirit of a consecrated heart is that of submission to the will of the Lord.”

R3252 regarding 2 Sam 6 “… Hearing of the blessing of the Lord upon the home of Obed-edom, King David took fresh courage, and realized that these different experiences of Uzzah and Obed-edom taught the lesson that those who reverently and carefully sought to know and to do the will of the Lord would have a blessing in proportion to their nearness to him, while the careless and the irreverent only need be in fear. “

R5796 Such go to the Bible to learn therein the will of the Lord concerning them, and then to the best of their ability live in harmony with that will. It regulates them as respects what they eat, what they drink, where they go, what they do, what they read, what companionship they cultivate, and as respects even their very thoughts.

Also, look for the phrase “will of the Lord” in the following references:

**R1753** **THIS IS THE WAY {helpful hints for question 1}**

**R1776 COMMON SENSE {q 11} section:** ***GOD'S STATEMENT OF HIS WILL AND GOOD PLEASURE* {q 2}**

R2262 OUR SUFFICIENCY IS OF GOD—IN CHRIST JESUS {q3}

**R2411** **GREETING AND EXHORTATION FOR THE NEW YEAR {q4}**

**R2464** **I AM THE VINE—YE ARE THE BRANCHES {q5}**

R3304 OUR YEAR TEXT FOR 1904 [*Phil 4:8*] {q8,9}

**R3339** **"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?" {q6}**

**R3662** **EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER.{q10,12}**

**R4466** **"THE WILL OF THE LORD BE DONE" subsection *HOW TO DECIDE THE LORD’S WILL***

R5212 DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD [[*Psalm 27:11*](http://www.htdbv8.com/KJVBible/htdb0019.htm#Psa27:11)] {q4}