

God has a PERFECT will for us (con't.)

- This is His Eternal plan and purpose
 - It will not change and cannot be revoked (Romans 11:29)
 - His plan includes our salvation (Ephesians 1:3-6)
 - His plan includes His choice (calling) of Israel (Romans 11:1-2)

God has a PRESCRIBED will for us

- Principles given to men (Exodus 20:2-17)
 - You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13)
 - You shall not steal (Exodus 20:15)
 - Don't live with your girl(boy)friend (Hebrews 13:4, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20)

God has a PREFERRED will for us

- What pleases (and does not please) God (Exodus 34:6-7)
 - God loves to show mercy
 - You can appeal to God's mercy through prayer (Numbers 14:17-19, Nehemiah 9, Daniel 9)
 - God takes pleasure in the salvation of sinners (Matthew 18:14, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, 2 Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 18:32, 33:11)
 - Our desire should be to do that which pleases God (Romans 12:1, Colossians 1:10, 2 Corinthians 5:9, Ephesians 5:10)

God has a PERMISSIVE will for us

- This is what God allows, even though it is sin. (Genesis 50:20, John 9:3, 11:1-17, 19:11)
 - To reject the Gospel
 - To disobey His laws
 - To persecute the righteous
- God is still in control** - His purposes are being accomplished

God's has a DIRECTIVE will for us

- His personal guidance in our lives
 - He wants us to be at a certain place/time (Acts 16:6-10, Acts 8:26, Acts 10:1-23, Acts 10:5)

God's has a KNOWN will for us

- To be **Saved** (salvation) (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
- To be filled with the **Spirit** (Ephesians 5:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- To live a **Sanctified** life (1 Peter 4:7-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, John 17:17-19, Proverbs 19:20, 20:18)
- To **Submit** to authorities (Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 2:13-15, 5:5, Titus 3:1)
- To **Suffer** instead of compromising (1 Peter 2:19-20, 4:14-19)

God's Will for Us

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Ephesians 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. (NIV)

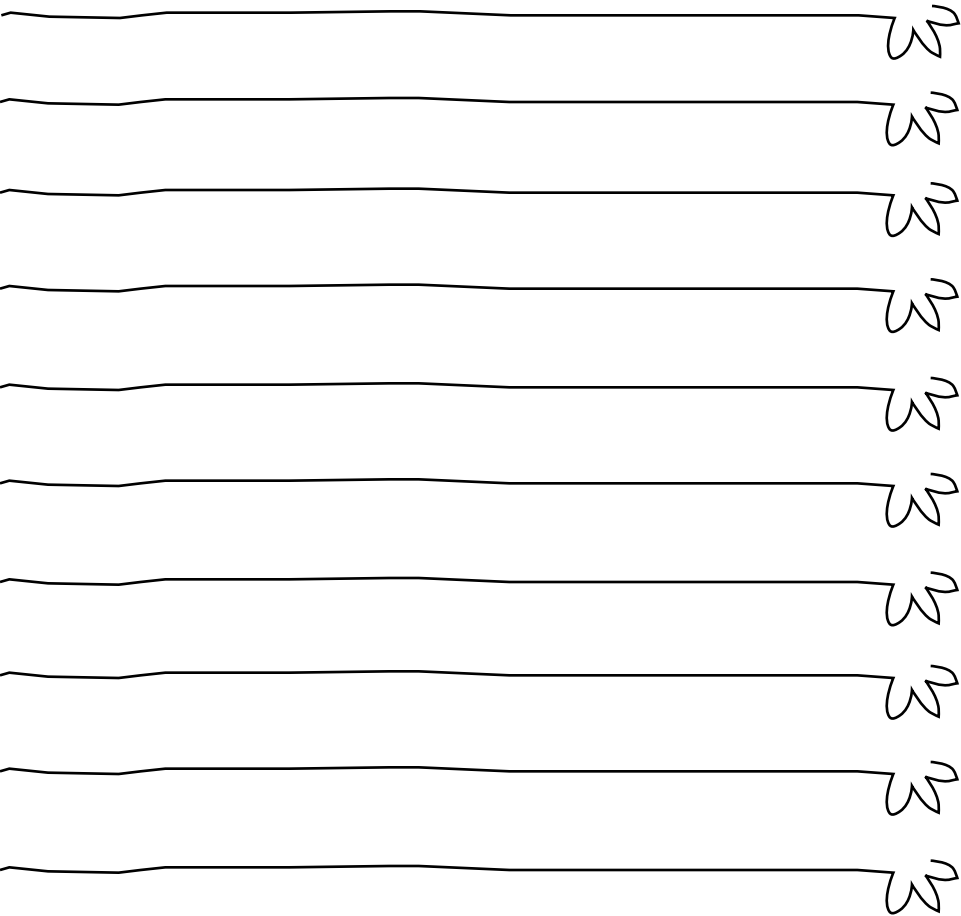
Roman's 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)

God has a **PERFECT** will for us (Romans 12:2)

- Which is good
- Which is delightful to us
- Which is delightful (Pleasing) to God
- It has no flaws
- It has no missing pieces
- It's complete (it's perfect)
- It takes into consideration (Genesis 50:20)
 - All the suffering in our lives
 - All the tragedy in our lives
 - Everything that comes to us in this life
 - Our ignorance
 - Our weaknesses
 - Our sins, and
 - Even the sins of others against us

As long as we are doing His will for us, everything else falls under this verse.

Psalms 37:4: Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. (NIV)



Notes: Please read your Bible. I invite you to examine the Scriptures to see if what is said here is true.

Be like the Bereans in Acts 17:11: Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined** the Scriptures **every day** to see if what Paul said was true.