

GOD'S WILL: SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Psalm 37:23

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

James 1:5-8

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

INTERVIEWING YOURSELF

Answer the following questions and be prepared to turn them in.

Name _____

1. If you could eat only one food for the next three months, what would it be?

2. What would most of the people in this group be surprised to know about you?

3. If you could be any household appliance, what would you be and why?

4. If you could be one age for the rest of your life, what age would it be? _____

5. What is one bad habit that you cannot stand? (Yours or someone else's)

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DO I REALLY WANT GOD'S WILL?

God wants to give you wisdom for your major life decisions, but He also wants you to obey His Word. Take this test to see if you are obeying what you already know to be God's will. Answer each question below.

AM I SAVED? (1 TIM. 2:3-4; 2 PETER 3:9)

- Has there been a time in your life when you trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior? Yes No
- Do you know when you accepted Christ? Yes No

AM I SPIRIT-FILLED? (EPH. 5:17-18)

- Is your speech kind to other people? Yes No
- Does the Spirit control your temper? Yes No
- Are you a contented person? Yes No
- Do you have a godly attitude? Yes No

AM I BEING SANCTIFIED? (1 THESS. 4:3-7; ROM. 12:1-2)

- Are you more like Christ today than you were a year ago? Yes No
- Have you gotten victory over any sinful habits? Yes No
- Do you confess sin immediately so it doesn't block your relationship with God? Yes No

AM I SUBMITTED? (1 PETER 2:13-18)

- Would all your authorities agree that there is nothing you need to apologize about? Yes No
- Can you say, "I have no bitterness towards any of my authorities"? Yes No

AM I SUFFERING? (1 PETER 3:8-17; 4:12-19)

- Have you ever been ridiculed for your faith? Yes No
- Are you always unashamed of your faith? Yes No
- Do you witness to others in spite of your fear? Yes No

AM I SATISFIED? (1 THESS. 5:18)

- Can you say, "I would not change any circumstance of my life"? Yes No
- Can you say, "I am not mad at God for any circumstance of my life"? Yes No
- Are you grateful for the parents that God gave you? Yes No

If you answered no to any of these questions, your answer may indicate an area where you need to seek God's will. Take time to do that right now.