

THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL



We often pray for those who struggle and seldom pray for those who are doing well.

REMINDER: Pray not just for **needs** but for **people**.

GOD'S WILL

Ignorance is not **bliss** for humans.

Ignorance is not **pleasing** to God.

Several necessities

1. Desire to know God (not seeing his will as isolated from his character).
2. Certainty that God's Spirit will talk/reveal his will.
3. Knowledge of the Bible where God's identity, character and plans are described.

This is good, and pleases God our Savior who WANTS all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. (*1 Timothy 2:4*)

God's will ... each person to be **saved**

So do not be foolish but understand what the LORD'S WILL IS. Do not get drunk on wine which leads to debauchery but instead be filled with the Spirit! (*Ephesians 5:17-18*)

God's will ... each person to be **filled** with his Spirit.

It is GOD'S WILL that you should be holy; that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable ... *(1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)*

God's will ... each person live in **self control** and **holiness**.

For it is God's WILL that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men ... show proper respect to everyone, love the brotherhood of believers. Fear God. Honor the king. (*1 Peter 2:15-17*)

God's will ... each person doing good and showing respect

Be joyful always. Pray continually.
Give thanks in all circumstances for
THIS IS GOD'S WILL for you in Christ
Jesus. (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*)

God's will ... each person to be
positive and **thankful**

When seeking God's will, also consider:

- Your own **talents/interests**
- **Advice** from other Christians
- **Circumstances** which show a **direction**

God has created you with free will
and the ability to reason. Enjoy it!

1. **Seek** his will but do not **stress** over his will.
2. God's chief concern is your **character** and your **willingness** to follow his will if he makes a specific direction clear to you.

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