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## WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD?

**Introduction:** The book of James reminds us, and life confirms, that we are not always in control of life. The reality of life is not what we determine to do, but what does God will?

JAMES 4:15 - "INSTEAD YOU OUGHT TO SAY, 'IF IT IS  
THE LORD'S WILL, WE WILL LIVE AND DO THIS OR THAT'."

### I. THE GENERAL WILL OF GOD - APPLIES TO \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Tim 2:4 - "...who wants all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."  
2 Peter 3:9 - "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."  
John 6:40 - "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life."
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - our will to His  
Acts 9:6 - "Lord what wilt Thou have me do."  
Luke 22:42 - "...yet not my will, but yours be done."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - a holy life  
1 Thess 4:3 - "It is God's will that you should be sanctified..."
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Peter 2:15 - "It is God's will, that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men."  
Eph 2:10 - "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Peter 4:19 - "So then those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."

### II. THE SPECIFIC WILL OF GOD FOR \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE

1. \_\_\_\_\_ calling
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD

Eph 5:17 - "Do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."  
Rom 12:2 - "...then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."

1. Offer \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice
2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to the patterns of the world
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ by the renewing of your \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** Not what do I want, but what does God want?