



PERFECT WILL VS PERMISSIVE WILL

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#1 Answer

A: What does the Bible say about the future?

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#2 Answer

A: How do I know **WHAT** the will of God is for my life?

THE MOST DEFINITIVE PASSAGE ON THE WILL OF GOD IS

Romans 12:1-2

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

3 WORDS TO DESCRIBE GOD'S WILL - **GOOD,** **ACCEPTABLE,** **AND PERFECT.**

- 1 The word "**Good**" is the Greek word "**Agathos**"
- 2 The word "**Acceptable**" is the Greek word "**Euarestos**"
- 3 The word "**Perfect**" is the Greek word "**Teleios**"

The fallacy is - we think IF we only knew what the will of God is, then it is easy to do it.



In Gethsemane the
holiest of all petitioners
prayed three times that a
certain cup might pass
from Him. It did not.

- C.S Lewis

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **NOT WILLING** that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The lowest level of the will of God is
“THE SOUL THAT SINS SHALL DIE”

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The ultimate level of the Will of God is
“ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN”

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- I God has not given us the ability to direct our own lives.



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Jeremiah 10:23

Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself;
it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

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- 2 How we respond to what God is doing **NOW** will determine our participation in the next step.

Luke 7:30

The Pharisees and the experts of the law
REJECTED the Will of God.

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- ③ God's Will involves **DOING** what He has called you to **DO**. Good intentions are not enough.



The will of God is not something you add to your life. It's a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world.

- Elizabeth Elliot



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Luke 12:47

The servant who knew his master's will and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be "beaten" with many stripes.

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Luke 12:48

The servant who did not know yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few.

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- 4 You are never **SAFER** than when you are in God's Will.



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I'd rather be in the heart of Africa in the **WILL** of God than on the throne of England out of the **WILL** of God.

- David Livingstone

The final question I want to address is
How does the Bible
describe the Will of God?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always,¹⁷ pray without ceasing,
¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- I The will of God is not merely focused on whether I should be a doctor, or an engineer or a teacher or politician, or whether we should buy this car or that car, or this house or that house...

- ② That rejoicing always, praying without ceasing and the giving of thanks are acts of our WILL, and in times of difficulty and weakness, they will require persistence.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God,
your sanctification: that you
should abstain from sexual immorality;