

DAILY READING: GOD'S WILL

I give my life to God as a living sacrifice. That means His life is expressing itself through me. This is an act of worship. I choose to worship; therefore I give all I am to Him: body, emotions, mind, thoughts, desires and plans. I trust Him to guide me in every situation because I know He is vitally interested in my life. I will always seek His guidance and know He is continually reshaping my life. He will lead me in every decision, therefore I will always seek His will and direction.

Today I will experience pressure to conform to the culture living outside the truth of God. But I will make another choice. I will live my life according to God's will found in His Word through faith in Jesus. I recognize that Jesus paid for my life when He died on the cross and I belong to Him. I am putting my own will aside and replacing it with God's will. When there is a tension between what I want and what He wants, I will always choose to go with what He wants. I give my life to God as a living sacrifice.

His desire for me is to experience transformation – a thorough and dramatic change from the inside out. This change begins in my mind. I am getting rid of my old way of thinking with its deceitful desires and I am putting on new attitudes and ways of looking at the world. I have a new way of thinking; the desires of my mind now conform to God's desires.

God's Spirit works continually within me to bring about transformation; and the tool He most frequently uses is Scripture. As I focus on Biblical truths, my thinking will follow the pattern for which I was originally designed: becoming informed about God and conformed to the pattern of His will. I will ask for wisdom and He has promised to graciously provide it. I give my life to God as a living sacrifice.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Thessalonians 4:3
 "God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin."
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DAILY STUDY: GOD'S WILL

DAY 1: Wholly God's - Romans 12:1-2 (Page 866); Genesis 22:1-3 (Page 17)

DAY 2: God's Good Plan - Ephesians 1:7-9 (Page 895); Jeremiah 29:11 (Page 596)

DAY 3: Live Holy - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (Page 906); Leviticus 20:26 (Page 96)

DAY 4: No Need to Worry - Philippians 4:6-7 (Page 901); Luke 12:22-34 (Page 795); Jeremiah 29:12-14 (Page 596)

DAY 5: Know His Voice - John 10:27 (Page 819); Luke 1:37 (Page 780); Deuteronomy 13:18 (Page 150)

DAY 6: Be Wise, Be Loved - Ephesians 1:3-5 (Page 895); Ephesians 5:15 (Page 897); John 14:21 (Page 823). Pray about decisions or areas in your life to which you have not allowed God access. Write them down and commit them to Him asking Him to give you an action plan for each area, and then submit them to His will.

DAY 7: Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 2:12 (Page 871). Consider the Holy Spirit's role in helping you know and live God's will. Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation Questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

ACTIVITY:

We do not always know God's specific will, but we do know how He wants us to live. If you are seeking direction in life, commit your way to God. God will often reveal the next steps after you have been obedient to take the step right in front of you.

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?