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Chapter 1
God's Will for Us

God burned this message in my spirit several years ago. It changed my life, and I greatly desire for you to learn its truths, too. Let us begin by looking at Psalm 127:

> **Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.**
>
> **Psalm 127:1**

This doesn't mean that you can't build a house, but the Bible tells us that unless the Lord builds or blesses it, they labor in vain that build the house.

God's will for us is that we walk in His will! It's one thing to say, "Lord, I know that your Word is your will." It's another thing to consecrate your life and say, "God, I'm not going to go my own way."

However, we live in a world where everyone wants to do his own thing. Everyone wants to go his own way, irrespective of what God has to say about the matter.

It amazes me that there is no fear of God in the

church world today! People go out and do their own thing; it doesn't matter to them ***what*** God's Word may say about it. They say, "I'm going to do my own thing. I'm going to do what I want to. God doesn't know."

They shake their finger at Almighty God and later wonder why they have come up against a brick wall in their life and why everything goes wrong for them. They wonder why they can never make it financially. They wonder why they always have sickness dogging their tracks. They wonder why cursings follow them everywhere they go.

To remedy their dilemma, they bind the devil and come against him, but their problems have nothing to do with the devil. They're on a collision course with the will of God for their life!

Conditional Promises

The Bible contains more than thirty thousand promises, and each of those promises has a condition. If you keep the condition, you will get the blessing. If you do not keep the condition, a cursing will come on you—not from God, but from the enemy.

Many people are binding the devil when they themselves need to be bound! "Oh, brother," they complain, "my finances are in a mess because the devil attacked them." No, it wasn't the devil. He doesn't have access to your checkbook or your

charge cards. Go look in the mirror and you'll see the devil who did it!

Several years ago, a man had a heart attack while I was preaching. I ran into the congregation, laid hands on him, and God touched him.

The next day, I visited him at his home, as I was pastoring that congregation. He sat there in his living room, lit up another cigarette, and said, "The devil's getting hold of my lungs."

I replied, "Brother, listen—don't attack the devil. With what you're doing, you don't even need the devil!"

Too many people whine, "Well, it's because of ***this one.*** If ***that person*** hadn't done that, then I wouldn't have done this." On and on they complain, like a broken record.

As long as you blame the devil or other people for everything bad that happens to you, you're never going to look at yourself and see if you're to blame.

God's will for you and me is that we ***do*** His will. We don't have an option; we are supposed to ***do*** it. We must make this decision to ***do*** the will of Almighty God, come what may.

People say, "If I do the will of God, I'll lose out." Yes, it may look like you're making a sacrifice, but actually it does not ***cost*** to serve God; it ***pays*** to serve Him. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

When you lay certain things down to serve God, you take up the cross of victory. You take up the crown of righteousness. You take up everlasting life. Jesus asked in Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

You Can't Buy Eternal Life

There are multi-billionaires alive today who are going straight to hell. All their money can't buy them ***one second*** of eternal life! "For what shall it profit a man...."

What is ***your*** priority? Money, houses, and cars is the priority for most people, but all of those things are going to pass away. They will amount to nothing in eternity. Jesus counsels us:

> **Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:**
>
> **But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven....**
>
> **Matthew 6:19,20**

I'm not against God blessing you—there's nothing wrong with that—I'm simply asking, "What is your priority?" When your priority is God first, number one, come what may, it doesn't matter what your in-laws or outlaws say. It doesn't matter what

your mother and father say. It doesn't matter what your brother, sister, or anyone else says. God, God, God, God, God is the authority in your life. "Except the Lord build the house...."

Chapter 2
The Known Will of God

There are two areas to the will of God. There is ***the known will of God*** that we can see from the Word of God, and there is the ***unknown will of God.***

The known will of God covers every area of our existence on this earth. It covers every area of salvation, spirit, soul, and body, healing, the Holy Spirit, prosperity in every area of life, and eternal life. It's all in the Word. We see in it the pattern for living. God's Word—the known, written Word of God—covers every area of our lives.

The unknown will of God pertains to things which are not in the Word of God. For example, I can't open the scripture and read, "Thus says the Lord unto Rodney: Get thee up, climb into yonder bird with engines under its wings, and fly to the United States." It's not in the Bible.

What do I ***know?*** I know God wants to save me. What do I ***know?*** I know God want to heal me. What do I ***know?*** I know God wants to bless me. What do I ***know?*** I know what God tells me within the pages of His will.

The ***Bible is God's will;*** His will and testament! It is what God left us, and it is what He wants us to

do. If we keep His commandments and walk in His statutes, we're pleasing to Him.

So how do I ***know*** the known will of God? By studying the known will of God—the Bible.

Romans 12:1,2 says:

> **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....**

Searching for Loopholes

It's by the renewing of your mind to the Word of God that your whole life changes. Stop arguing with the Bible! Stop reading the Bible with the intention of trying to find a loophole! You're not going to find a loophole. The best atheists in the world have tried to find a loophole, and most of them ended up getting saved.

Stop saying, "Well, God didn't ***really*** mean what He said." Stop saying, "God is only saying that to that person." Stop saying, "The Bible might mean that to you, brother, but it means this to me. God speaks to me differently than He speaks to you."

Is that right? If the Bible means one thing to you, and it doesn't mean the same thing to me, who is going to be the guide, or interpreter, of what God is saying?

It's amazing how people try to ***spiritualize*** everything in the Bible. Their argument is, "Well, Jesus never ***really*** meant that. You never ***really*** knew what He was talking about." No, the Bible is to be taken literally, from cover to cover, from Genesis to Revelation.

If the Bible hypothetically said, "Jonah swallowed the fish," then we'd better believe it. Don't sit there with your scientific brain trying to understand *how* Jonah got the fish in his mouth! It doesn't say that, of course, but accept and believe whatever the Bible says.

No Private Interpretation

We read in 2 Peter 1:19,20:

> **We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**
>
> **Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

Notice the phrase *"**no** prophecy."*

Some people will ***quote*** the Bible, but they don't really ***believe*** it. "Oh, I believe, Lord," they say, and they quote, quote, quote, but the minute trouble comes, they fall apart. They don't believe what the Word says.

The Bible says there is no private interpretation of scripture. This passage in 2 Peter continues in verse 21:

> **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

This is God's will.

People will say, "Brother, I've been to seminary. I've been to Bible school. I can quote the whole Bible. Do you want to hear me?"

When you ask, "Do you apply it in your life?" they reply, "You don't know my circumstances. Now, Brother Rodney, I want you to know I know what the Bible says, *but...* Yes, I know you're right —oh, you're so right; that's the problem—*but...*"

Goats are the ones that "butt" all the time. Goats butt and sheep follow. Don't come to me with the story that your prophecy is a private interpretation, or that an angel from the planet X appeared to you when you were on the hill in the woods, and the angel told you that this was instant

Bible knowledge that no one else knows. You probably ate too much pizza.

Let the Bible speak for itself:

> **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**
>
> **Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?**
>
> **Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**
>
> **A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.**
>
> **Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**
>
> **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**
>
> **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**
>
> **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many**

wonderful works?

And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, [A wise man is one who does the says of the Lord Jesus. A wise man is one who does the Word of God.] **which built his house upon a rock:**

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

On what is your house being built? Is your house built on the rock, or is your house built on the sand?

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon the house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
Matthew 7:15-29

This is so important. You must grasp it with your heart, not with your head. You must understand what God is saying. He is speaking to us.

The time has come for us to make adjustments. You must say to yourself, "Whatever it takes, I'm going to get into the perfect will of God."

However, the will of God doesn't fall on you like ripe cherries off a tree just because you come to church once on a Sunday. The will of God doesn't come in your life just because you pay your tithes once in a blue moon. The will of God doesn't come to you just because you pray in tongues.

The will of God comes to you because you seek after it. You hunger for it. You want it more than life itself!

The Devil's Wages

People are often committed to the Lord's work when times are good, but when times are bad, they're not committed anymore. "Oh, when I was serving the devil, I had more money, but the moment I gave my life to Jesus, the devil..." Isn't that wonderful? Go serve the devil and see what ***his*** wages are.

I wouldn't give up the things of God, the things of the Holy Spirit, and the power of the world to come for any of the riches of this filthy world. Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God will never pass away (Matthew 24:35).

There will be Christians who will get into heaven almost naked, with nothing, because they wouldn't do the will of God. They will get in by the blood and mercy of Jesus.

The time has come for us to make a decision to do the will of God, no matter what. "But what if God calls me to China?" is the usual excuse.

Then go! You'll be the most blessed person in the middle of China that anyone would want to meet.

How To Start in the Ministry

When we started out in our ministry, I looked in my wife Adonica's face and said, "Honey, it's got to get better. It can't be as bad as it was last year. If you'll just give me some time, we'll go through this thing and we'll kick the devil's teeth in—but we're not backing out. We're not going to quit."

Many people are waiting for enough finances to go into the ministry. They will say, "You've got to get a job, and once you're self-sufficient, then you can go out in the ministry."

I said, "God, You called me to preach, and I will preach if I have to preach on the street corners

and sleep in the streets. But if I can't preach, get a coffin and have a funeral for me, for I'm coming home if I can't preach."

This might frighten some of you, but I made that kind of decision as we were driving along the highway. I was sick and tired of all the carnal advice and opinions thrown at us by people whose own lives were a mess.

When I get desperate, I shout, and I shouted, "Help, help, help, God!" I shouted like that back in 1979, too, when I was hungry for the power of God. This was different. Now I wanted the will of God.

I said, "God, I want your perfect will in my life. I want it so badly, there's no other reason for me to live if I can't have it. God, whatever I have to change, I'll change. Whatever I must do, I will do. God, I promise You I will do it. If I have to go somewhere, I'll go. Whatever I must say, I'll say. God, I promise You I'm handing everything over to You. I want your will and nothing else. If I can't have your will, then kill me right now and take me home."

That prayer was between me and God my heavenly Father. Why did I pray this way? Because a life lived out of the will of God, no one wants.

Don't let me frighten you by that prayer. It represented my commitment to God. I believe every Christian can have such a commitment to God, once he understands what God is dealing with him about.

(Sometimes I wish I had not prayed this prayer, because it has gotten me into so much trouble!)

To continue my story, we were driving along the highway and I was crying out to God desperately. Why? Because at that time in the ministry, the only preachers who were considered "successful" were the ones who had money and what money could buy.

No one ever emphasized how many souls were getting won. No one emphasized the characteristics of the anointing or healing. They were just concerned about success. They thought you were the greatest preacher on planet earth if you had a nice suit and nice jewelry. I saw so many of those so-called "successful" preachers running around looking like the image of success, but inside they were spiritually bankrupt. Nothing!

I said to the Lord, "It's not fair. You love those people more than You love me." (I am being honest about the way I felt.) Then I said, "God, there must be something they're not telling me." I said that because when I got into the inner circle, it was rotten to the core. Everything on the outside looked good, but the inside was rotten to the core.

And I said to God then and there, "God, if that is your will for the ministry, I, Rodney Howard-Browne, don't want it. You can have it, because it's against what I feel in my heart is right."

Giving God Permission

I was crying by then. My wife was crying. It was a powerful moment. I said, "God, I'm telling You right now, I'm giving You full permission to invade my life any time of the day or night to straighten me out. But when I get to heaven and stand before You, if You look at me and say, 'Rodney, you did not do my will,' I'm going to point my finger at You and say, 'God, it's your fault, because I gave You permission to come into my life and change me."

I saw people getting away with things I couldn't even think about. If I got away with what they did, I wouldn't be able to sleep at night! So I asked, "God, why did you let them do that? I couldn't even ***think*** of doing something like that."

God said, "You and I have a deal. I don't have that kind of deal with them. You told Me you were going to blame Me, but you gave Me permission to invade your life. I'm coming into your life, son. I'm going to knock you straight."

And He did. When God comes and knocks me, I'm dizzy for several days afterwards, but that's the way I want it. I want God to keep me on course. I said, "God, I want to chain myself, to lock myself, to your will. I don't want to go to the left. I don't want to go to the right. I don't want any other alternatives. I want your will, come what may."

You've got to get bold with God about your

stand and your commitment! God understood where I was coming from, and from that day on, circumstances turned around in my life.

Until the last few years, I could never say that I was in the perfect will of God. I always thought perhaps I was in the permissive will of God, but now I know that I know that I know that I'm in the perfect will of God.

Standing in the Storms

I'm not saying that tests, trials, and problems won't come your way when you're in God's perfect will. They will come. But you will stand in the midst of the storms of life—that hurricane, that tornado—and you will point your finger and say, "In the Name of Jesus, I'm in the will of God. Now you get out of here, Satan. I'm not quitting!"

Be very careful what you pray. God will hold you to it. I just know a line was drawn that day I prayed in the car—a line that I cannot violate. If I did, I would be in big trouble with my heavenly Father, and I don't want to get in big trouble with Him.

You can say, "Well, Brother Rodney, I don't agree with praying that way." That's your business. You're free to do whatever you want about it.

I've never known the blessing of God like I've known it the last few years. I've never known the joy and the peace of being in the will of God like

I've known it in the last three years.

God was waiting for me to make the changes and the adjustments. Often He wants to move in your life, but He can't because you tie His hands! You won't make the necessary changes and adjustments.

You're fighting the devil, but when God tells you to change your ways and let them line up with His will for you, you won't listen.

If you fight the ***known*** will of God, you can't have the ***unknown*** will of God for your life. But when you conform your life to His will, saying, "God, I want to have your known will," then you can have the unknown will as well. Then God will come to you and give you direction, saying such things as, "Take your wife and children and go to the United States."

After paying your air tickets, you may have only $300 left over, but you get on the airplane with a spring in your step and a smile on your face because you know that you're going in the will of God, and the will of God will sustain you. It will take you to the ends of the earth, and you will lack for nothing.

Tests and trials might come your way, but you will stand under the anointing of God and see the supernatural and the miraculous. When people look at you, they will envy you, and they will say, "I want what that person's got," but many are not

prepared to make the commitment necessary to have it.

The necessity for strong commitment also holds true in the natural realm. When certain great sportsmen were down in the gutters, living in poverty and street fighting, they made a commitment: "Whatever it takes." They fought their way up the ranks until they became world champions. It took unswerving commitment and dedication on their part to do it.

Locking Into God's Will

It takes the same kind of unswerving commitment to answer the call of God and perform the task He gave you to do. For example, when we left South Africa to come to the United States, a pastor came to me and said, "You're missing it. You didn't hear from God."

Of course, your critics will always hold up your past mistakes before you. "You did this three years ago, so who do you think you are?" If God only uses people who never made mistakes, that cancels every one of us out!

This person said, "You want to go to America, but there are 13,000 other evangelists in America."

I looked at him and smiled. I said, "Well, bless God, there's going to be 13,001. Hallelujah!"

Sometimes you've got to grit your teeth and answer, without arrogance, "No, I know what God

is telling me to do."

If you allow people to pull you off or talk you out of the will of God, you'll never have it. You must lock in to the known will of God, because then you can have the unknown will of God.

And the unknown is, "Go, rise, and get thee hence." The unknown is, "Go here, go there, do this, sign this business deal, buy that house, sell this property."

People want to enjoy prosperity and blessing from the Lord, but they won't do His known will. You can't have the unknown will without the known will. I want you to have the will of God in your life so badly, I'd give anything to see you have it.

Now listen to what James says:

> **Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:**
>
> **Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**
>
> **For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**
>
> **But now ye rejoice in your**

boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
James 4:13-16

The Way That Seems Right

I can't believe that people will leave their home church and move to a town where there's no adequate church, or not even a church at all, simply because they're offered a big raise in salary.

They've told me, "Pastor, we're leaving the church. We understand there's no church where we're going, but we were offered such a great business deal. For the first time, my wife and kids will be able to have a swimming pool. They offered us a company car, too, so we know it truly must be God."

They never even asked God what His will was! So they went to their new town. Their kids backslid and ran away from home. Their own lives end up in ruin, and they say the devil did it. It had nothing to do with the devil!

The Bible says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

All human parents have a will for their child. You love that child. He never ceases to be your child. He may not be in your will, but he still is your child.

But children will say, "I don't care what my

mother and father say—I'm going to do my own thing. I'm 16 now. Mom and Dad don't know anything. Their brains have been frozen. They can't relate to me. They don't know what I'm going through. There's a generation gap."

Do you think it pleases the heart of the parent to know that their child is going against their will? No, but they are still related. You don't stop being someone's child just because you're not in their will.

You are God's child, and He loves and cares for you, but you're either in His will or you're not in His will. And if you're not in His will, you've got to get to the place where you are.

I go to God in the morning, and ask, "God, what is your will today? What do You want me to do?"

You say, "That's being too spiritual." No, the Bible says when you commit your way to the Lord, He'll bring it to pass.

Delight To Do His Will

Notice what Psalm 40:8 says: "I delight to do thy will, O my God." "I delight" means it's fun, it's joyous, it's wonderful, it's exciting, it's glorious to do the will of God. I'm having fun doing the will of God. I ***want*** to do His will. I'm so happy doing His will! And everyone gets upset because you're having such a good time—doing the will of God.

Don't ever say, "I'm going to do this or that"

without first consulting God. You have no right to do so. Once you've been born again, your life is not your own. You've been bought with a price. You've been washed in the blood of Jesus, and you must consult Jesus about your life. Why? Because He has the perfect plan and the perfect will for you, and that should be your desire.

Then, when you walk in His perfect plan and perfect will for you, your life will be one big adventure in the Holy Spirit, morning, noon, and night. You'll never know what is going to happen next. It's fun!

Unfortunately, most people are afraid to follow the will of God. "If I do the will of God," they say, "I'll lose everything."

No, you'll gain more. The Bible says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22). It's the blessing of the world that makes you rich and brings sorrow with it.

When you're under the world system, you're worried about where every dollar is going. You're worried about someone stealing your money. You lay awake nights, trying to figure out how you're going to keep your last cent.

On the other hand, you can't steal the blessing of God from me, because I'll ***give*** it to you before you can steal it. Then I'll use my faith to get more. So you can have it, with pleasure. Why do I have

such an attitude? Because when everything belongs to God anyway, it takes the whole load of worry off your shoulders.

The Time of Our Lives

We're having the time of our lives serving God. But when we get around some people, they lament, "Oh, it's so ***hard*** to be in the ministry!

The ministry is such a ***hard*** life and there's such a price to pay. My uncle was in the ministry, and he died. Serving God is so ***hard.***"

You hear the same excuse from the congregation. "You have to go to church, you know, every Sunday. Those people want me to go to church ***twice*** every Sunday, and then they want me to give a tenth of my money. Can you believe that? I don't even give my wife a tenth."

Someone said it's become the "in thing" to join the church today. Those following a fad come down to the altar and say, "Pastor, what ***else*** do we get by joining Jesus?"

"Well, we'll give you a two-week vacation in Hawaii and an automobile. Then we'll throw in..."

"What else? What else?"

You could miss hell and make heaven your home!

So we must consult God. Consult Him for the known. Consult Him for the unknown. He'll lead

you by the known into the unknown, and you'll walk the life of victory and faith.

You can move forward once you ***know*** the will of God—not you ***think*** you know, and not you ***hope*** you know. I'm talking about ***know!*** Once you ***know.***

Don't follow what your head tells you. Don't listen to your head. Your head's gotten you in enough trouble as it is. Follow what God's telling you in your heart. Follow the peace in your heart. What is God saying in your heart?

Once you know the will of God, don't even talk to other people about it, because they'll try to talk you out of the will of God! It doesn't really matter what their opinions are about you anyway.

Like Brother Hagin says, "I've been criticized by experts, so why should I worry about little spurts?"

If you do something right, people are going to criticize you—whatever you do. Even if you try to love them, they'll criticize you! It doesn't matter. Just walk in love.

When you know the will of God, talk it. Talk it to your wife. Talk it to your friends. We talk the will of God morning, noon, and night. If you associate with us, that's what you'll hear: the will of God, the plan of God, and what God wants to do.

If you had been with us before we first came to America, that's all we talked about: America, America, America. Everything was America. We

sang "The Star-spangled Banner." We talked America. We lived America. We ate America. We slept America—everything. We set our faces to do the will of God. It didn't matter what anyone else said. Why? Because that's what God told us to do.

As you read and study the epistles, you will find God's will for marriage, for husbands, for wives, for mothers, for fathers, for children, for finances, for brotherly love, for Christian conduct, and for holy living. Everything is there for your daily life. Talk God's will for your life every day—you'll see the difference.

God's Will and Your Home

Today Christians sit and watch soap operas on television and then end up doing what they see on those soap operas! On television comedy shows, the children are so sassy to the parents, some of them need a permanent knock in the head! Our kids sit and watch those television shows, and then they talk back to their parents the way they've heard on television.

As a result, we've got Hollywood homes and Hollywood lifestyles. Today, people are even trying to justify what Hollywood is preaching. But God never made Adam and Steve; God made Adam and Eve.

People say, "I don't care ***what*** God says. ***I feel*** such and such about it. I'm just being ***free."***

You're bound by the devil, and you need to get saved! If you don't, you'll go to hell.

You say, "Why do you say this?"

Because the will of God is sure. The will of God is plain. God's Word is forever settled in heaven.

Chapter 3
Judge Yourself

Judge yourself today. Ask yourself, your spouse, and your family, "Are we lining up with the known will of God? If we aren't, we're going to. We're going to change. We're going to make adjustments."

Be ready to change. Some people are too proud and arrogant to admit they're wrong. So humble yourself. Say, "God, I'm nothing." Don't follow the world, where everyone says, "I'm a self-made man. I did this, and I'm a millionaire." So what? God says you're nothing without Him.

Everyone wants to sing Frank Sinatra's song: "I Did It My Way." And they also sing, "Glory be to me. Glory be to me. There's no one like me on the face of the earth. La, la, la, la, la." They don't seek the counsel of God. Don't be like them.

Consecrate your will. Humble yourself. Pray, "God, I've been going my own way all these years, but I'm not going my own way anymore. I turn. I submit to your known will, and I thank You for your unknown will. Lead and guide me day by day in the paths of righteousness."

What To Pray

Then pray this prayer of consecration: "Lord, I'll go where You want me to go. Lord, I'll do what You want me to do. Lord, I'll say what You want me to say. And, Lord, I'll be what You want me to be."

In the will of God, you can come into a place of protection, provision, and abundant blessing in the midst of turmoil and the devil's onslaught. The Bible says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Psalm 91:1).

Seeking First the Kingdom

The time should come when you don't pray about the needs in your life. My wife and I don't have time to pray for all our needs anymore. We pray for direction—because where God leads, He feeds. Where He guides, He provides. And what He orders, He pays for.

The Bible says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). Not subtracted—***added!***

My wife, Adonica, stuck a sign on our bedroom door that says, "God's will." This has to be your commitment: God's will—nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. It simply takes a

decision. Once you make that decision, you'll be so happy, you'll think you died and went to heaven.

Nothing is greater than being in the will of God. It's fun, it's wonderful, it's glorious.

The most blessed thing that God ever revealed to me from His Word was that I could know His perfect will for my life. I didn't have to go in and out of His will; I could know it and walk in it all the time.

Now, when people ask, "Are you in the will of God?" I can smile and say, "I know I'm in the will of God."

Sermon Outline: *Walking in the Perfect Will of God*

Foundation Scriptures: Psalm 40:8; Psalm 127:1

1. ***God's will for you and me:*** We ***obey and walk in His will***
   a. Psalm 40:8—I delight to do thy will
   b. Psalm 127:1—***Except*** the Lord build
   c. The will of God (2 areas) Known will (Word)—Unknown will (sought after)
   d. James 4:13-16
2. ***The known will of God***
   a. The Word is final—authority
   b. The Word covers—Salvation, healing, Holy Spirit, prosperity, eternal life
   c. Matthew 8—What are you building your house on
   d. 2 Peter 1:19-21—No private interpretation
   e. Matthew 8:15-29—Beware of false teachers and seducing ways of the devils that sidetrack us from the will of God
   f. Once you know the will of God, confer no more with flesh and blood
   g. In the epistles, the known will covers—(1) marriage (2) husbands (3) wives (4) fathers

(5) mothers (6) children (7) finances (8) brotherly love (9) Christian conduct (10) holy life

You cannot have the *unknown will* unless you adhere to the *known will.*

3. *Judge yourself and see if you line up with the known will of God – and make adjustments*
   a. Be ready to change – humble yourself
   b. Consecrate your will to do the will of God
   c. Pray –

      I'll go where You want me to go

      I'll do what You want me to do

      I'll say what You want me to say

      I'll be what You want me to be
   d. Lock yourself into God's will; find God's plan
   e. *In the will of God* is a place of protection, provision, blessing in the midst of turmoil; in the midst of the enemy's onslaught – Psalm 91, Psalm 23
   f. Your motto should be: God's will – nothing more – nothing less – nothing else

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