

TEST AND DISCERN

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

God's Two Wills...

- _____ will: the cosmic state of affairs as it *should* be
 - Does *not* always come to pass (Ex. 23:7; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- _____ will: the cosmic state of affairs God brings to pass
 - *Always* comes to pass (Acts 4:26-28; Eph. 1:11)
 - “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deut. 29:29)

God's Will and God's Word...

- Discerning God's will is not a matter of discovering the _____ ahead of time, but of applying all that God *has* revealed in Scripture to our _____.
 - God's Word gives _____, not details. (Ps. 119:105)
 - God's Word is _____ (2 Tim. 3:16)
 - Don't rely on special “signs” or feelings.
- God Himself is our _____. (Isa. 43:2-3)

God's Will For Our Lives...

- Seek His _____ and His _____ (Mt. 6:33)
 - “all these things” ≠ our _____. (Hos. 1, 3)
 - Seeking God's kingdom ≠ _____ happiness.

God's Will For Your Life...

- Meditate on the _____. (2 Tim. 3:16)
- _____ earnestly. (Js. 1:5)
- Consider your _____ and desires. (Ex. 36:2)
- Seek _____ counsel. (Prov. 11:14, 15:22)
- Just _____ something. (Ps. 37:5)
- _____ in God's sovereign goodness.

“Love God and do as you please”
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God's Two Wills...

- Revealed will: the cosmic state of affairs as it *should* be
 - Does *not* always come to pass (Ex. 23:7; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- Sovereign will: the cosmic state of affairs God brings to pass
 - *Always* comes to pass (Acts 4:26-28; Eph. 1:11)
 - “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deut. 29:29)

God's Will and God's Word...

- Discerning God's will is not a matter of discovering the _____ ahead of time, but of applying all that God *has* revealed in Scripture to our _____.
 - God's Word gives direction, not details. (Ps. 119:105)
 - God's Word is enough (2 Tim. 3:16)
 - Don't rely on special “signs” or feelings.
- God Himself is our hope. (Isa. 43:2-3)

God's Will For Our Lives...

- Seek His kingdom and His righteousness (Mt. 6:33)
 - “all these things” ≠ our goals. (Hos. 1, 3)
 - Seeking God's kingdom ≠ immediate happiness.

God's Will For Your Life...

- Meditate on the Word. (2 Tim. 3:16)
- Pray earnestly. (Js. 1:5)
- Consider your gifts and desires. (Ex. 36:2)
- Seek godly counsel. (Prov. 11:14, 15:22)
- Just do something. (Ps. 37:5)
- Trust in God's sovereign goodness.

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