

Finding God's Will (Part 1) - What Are We Talking About?"

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I. Presuppositions: Finding God's Will

A. **The sufficiency of Scripture** (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105)

B. **The illumination of the Holy Spirit** (I Cor. 2:10-12; John 14:26)

C. **The cessation of revelatory/apostolic gifts** (Acts 2:22, 43; 5:12; Heb. 2:3-4; Eph.2:20)

II. Definitions: What is "God's Will?"

A. **God has a sovereign will (we can't know it)** (Eph. 1:11, Isaiah 45:6-7; 46:9-11; I Cor. 4:19; Acts 18:21; I Cor. 16:7; Hebrews 6:3; James 4:15; Deut. 29:29)

B. **God has a moral will (we must obey it)** (Psalm 40:8; Romans 2:17-18; Eph. 5:17; I Thess. 4:3; Deut. 29:29)

C. **God has an individual will (we must discover it)**

Assumption: God has an individual will that is

1. different than His sovereign will.
2. more specific than His moral will.
3. not revealed in Scripture.

Problems with discovering God's individual will:

1. a low view of the sufficiency of Scripture (pre.1)
2. assumes the Holy Spirit reveals new truth (pre.2)

Conclusions: By God's grace we must:

1. submissively obey God's moral will
2. humbly acknowledge God's sovereign will
3. seek to discover God's personal will
4. prayerfully practice biblical decision making