

Finding God's Will for my Life!

Romans 12:1 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.* 2 And **be not conformed** to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of **your mind**, that **ye may prove** what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, **will of God.**

1. Don't be rebellious against God-be not conformed to this world 2 And **be not conformed** to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that **ye may prove** what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 - a. The world, this present age is in rebellion against God
II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the **god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
 - i. Satan is the god of this world

- ii. Satan's very beginning is of trying to be like God
Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **13** For thou hast **said in thine heart, I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **14 I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.
- iii. Satan wanted to think of himself as God or at least godlike **Ezekiel 28:6** Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast **set thine heart as the heart of God;**
- iv. Satan is in open rebellion against God. He leads open rebellion
 - 1. He questions God and His Word
 - a. Has God said that
 - b. Telling Eve that God was trying to keep her from having her eyes open and being like God

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods**, knowing good and evil.

2. He calls on man to do the opposite of what God wants him to do
- b. The world represents the demonic-human philosophy of life I John 5:19 *And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*
 - i. It is the pride of not needing God, not thinking of God
 - ii. It is me being the center of the universe
 - iii. It is me doing what makes me happy and what I think is right
 - iv. It is me having my own personal set of values
 - c. Before we were saved we walked like the world
Ephesians 2:2 *Wherein in time past ye walked according to **the course of this world, according to the prince** of the power of the air, **the spirit** that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our **conversation in times past** in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh***

and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

- d. This world mind set is what is destroying everything around us
 - i. We were made to orbit around the Son of God
 - ii. We were made to seek Him and His pleasure
 - iii. Our lives find meaning in Him
 - iv. So when I become the center of my universe
 - 1. It will destroy my marriage
 - 2. It will ruin my children because they become mine and are meant to live out my dreams and theirs, not His
 - 3. It will let my money take over because it loves to be my god
 - 4. It lets pleasure become the motivating force in my life
 - 5. It interferes with my work and social life because I am so focused on me
- e. So stop letting the world squeeze you into its own mould. Stop looking like and acting like who you are not. Live out who you are in Christ. Stop wearing a make to try and look like the world

f. Worldliness refers more to the way you think than what you do or don't

i. It is the idea of secularism, humanism, materialism

Daniel 4:30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

1. It is here and now

2. It is what I see, my world, my universe, my family

3. It sees my world not God's world

4. It all revolves around me

5. It is man is the measure-look at man, think of man, do for man and mankind

6. It is get as rich as you can, things and activities are how we measure success

7. It is me, mine, my life, my family that is the way I evaluate everything

2. Change your mind. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind **2** And **be not conformed** to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that **ye may prove** what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will

of God.



- a. It is a different set of desires [I Peter 1:14](#) As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the **former lusts in your ignorance:**
- b. Transformed is the idea of metamorphous-change. We don't think like we used to. A different way of thinking
- c. It is a mind saturated and controlled by the Word of God [Colossians 3:2](#) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. [3:16](#) Let the word of Christ **dwell in you** richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing

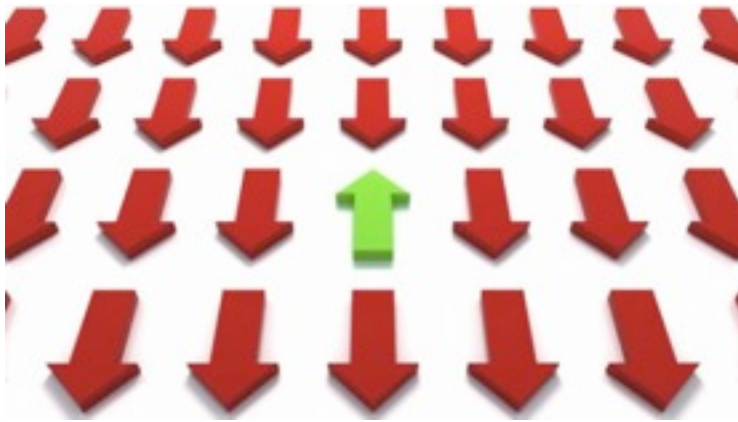
with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



- d. It is hiding God's Word in your heart [Psalm 119:11](#) Thy word have I **hid in mine heart**, That I might not sin against thee.
- e. It is bringing our thoughts into captivity
[II Corinthians 10:5](#) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**
- f. This does not mean thinking Christian thoughts all day
 - i. Not that you would constantly be repeating Bible verses

- ii. It is a mind set, a Christian world view
 - iii. It is seeing man for what he is and God for what and who He is
 - iv. It is realizing that life doesn't revolve around me
 - v. It is thinking in everything I do is this bringing honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ
- g. This new mind is a mind full of worship
- i. Our problem has been our worship of ourselves
 - ii. Now we worship God, our creator, Jesus, our Lord and Savior
 - iii. We are no longer number 1
 - iv. It is not about us but about Him
 - v. We line up our priorities to magnify and glorify Him every day in everything
- h. This will solve the problems in our lives
- i. We will have a better marriage if we realize that my behavior in my marriage is to glorify Christ
 - ii. It will change the way I raise my kids because it is not about my pleasure or their pleasure but rather pleasing God

- iii. It will change the way I handle my money because I know that it belongs to Him and it for His honor and glory
- iv. It will change the way I work because my job will not be about me or the company but about honoring Jesus
- v. It will change life from being about my pleasure to His pleasure



3. Find out how good God's will is [2](#) And **be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that **ye may prove** what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- a. I will surrender my will for His will. Only a yielded will can desire, discover, or choose God's will
 - b. His will includes my body, my mind, and my will. All of me. [I Thessalonians 5:23](#) And the very God of peace

sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

c. I will find out how good His will is



i. Most of us fear God's will

1. We think He will send us to the other side of the world
2. We fear He will take our children from us
3. We fear that He wants to take our money, our comfort, and our pleasure

ii. Actually He wants me to see how good He is and how good He makes things

d. His will is acceptable or pleasing **Ephesians 5:8** *For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light: 9** (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in **all goodness and righteousness and truth;**) **10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.***

- i. God's will is pleasing to God
 - ii. God's will is pleasing to me. It brings me joy, peace, goodness, and satisfaction
 - iii. I will find that I will enjoy what He has for me
 - iv. I will not be embarrassed by stupidity
 - v. I will not hurt or be hurt.
- e. His will is perfect or not lacking anything I need in my life or family
- i. God's will works in every part of my life
 - ii. This is not about ministry but every area of my life
 - iii. It will build a strong family, work in my job, and take care of my personal life and needs
- f. His will is that He be glorified in every part of my life
- i. I acknowledge my sinfulness, weakness, and failure
 - ii. I see His greatness, strength, and success
 - iii. I live my life for a purpose bigger than I
 - iv. Too long we have sought God's will meaning-ministry or church when He meant it to be all of my life