

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Do you still doubt the goodness of God? Though we cannot fully understand His ways, choose to trust God now. Pray that He will soften your heart and make you see His purposes in due time.

2. Have you been suffering consequences because of disobedience? The Bible says that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us. Do not be afraid to ask His forgiveness now, and He will give you freedom.

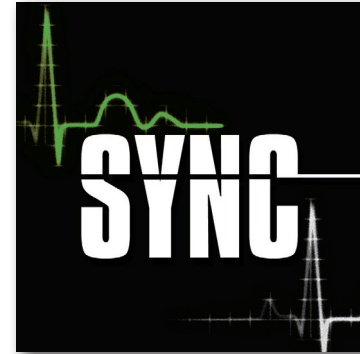
3. Do you want God's will for your life? Know more about it by committing to read the Bible regularly and surround yourself with friends who can help you as you walk at the center of God's will.

PRAYER

On the space provided below, record prayer requests and answers to prayer.



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Right View

WARM-UP

1. Name a person you respect. Why do you admire him or her?

2. Have you ever violated a rule in school? What was the consequence of your disobedience?

3. When you have a personal problem, to whom do you usually confide to? Why do you trust this person?

WORD

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Following God's will is easier said than done. Many times, this is due to the way we view God and His will. As we get to know Him more, we will realize that His will is really good, pleasing, and perfect. Following are three layers of God's will that will help us understand His plans for us.

1. God's Providential Will

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8,9

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Romans 11:33

God's wisdom is beyond any person's, and we can trust His ways even if we do not fully understand them. However, sometimes we think that we know better than God. Can you tell of a time when you trusted God even if you did not understand what was happening? How did it turn out?

2. God's Moral Will

... and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go ...

1 Kings 2:3

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29

God promises blessings if we follow His commands but disobedience leads to negative consequences. When we choose to live according to God's moral standards, we will be able to live life as He intended. Have you been recently blessed because you obeyed God?

3. God's Personal Will

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Psalms 145:17

God has a personal will for each of us. And with His good, pleasing, and perfect will, He desires to unfold His unique plans for our lives as we abide in Him. More than His great wisdom, what should make us more confident in trusting God's will?
