

Knowing the WILL of God.



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Jeremiah 10:23 “I know, O LORD, that a man’s way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.”

Solution: I am called to prove what the will of God is. This requires a transformed life which starts with a renewed mind.

Romans 12:2 “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

God’s will is good, acceptable and perfect.

God has given me seven things to help me KNOW His will for my life.

1. I have been given a call to develop a heart which seeks to OBEY God’s Will.

Psalms 40:8 “I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.”

Matthew 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

John 7:17 “If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.”

2. I have been given the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16 “For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.”

3. I have been given the Lord as my Teacher.

Isaiah 30:18-22 “Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him. O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. Your ears will

hear a word behind you, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right or to the left. And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing, and say to them, “Be gone!””

Matthew 23:8 “But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.”

4. I have been given the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 143:10 “Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

Luke 12:12 “...for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

John 14:26; 16:13 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you...But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.”

1 John 2:26-27 “These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.”

5. I have been given the Word of God.

Joshua 1:8 “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”

Psalms 119:11,105 “Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You...Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

Matthew 4:4 “But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’””

Romans 10:17 “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

2 Timothy 3:14-17 “You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you

have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

6. I have been given the Body of Christ.

Proverbs 11:14; 24:6 “Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory...For by wise guidance you will wage war, And in abundance of counselors there is victory.”

Acts 15:22,25,28 “Then it seemed good **to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church,** to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren...it seemed good **to us, having become of one mind,** to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul...For it seemed good **to the Holy Spirit and to us** to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials...”

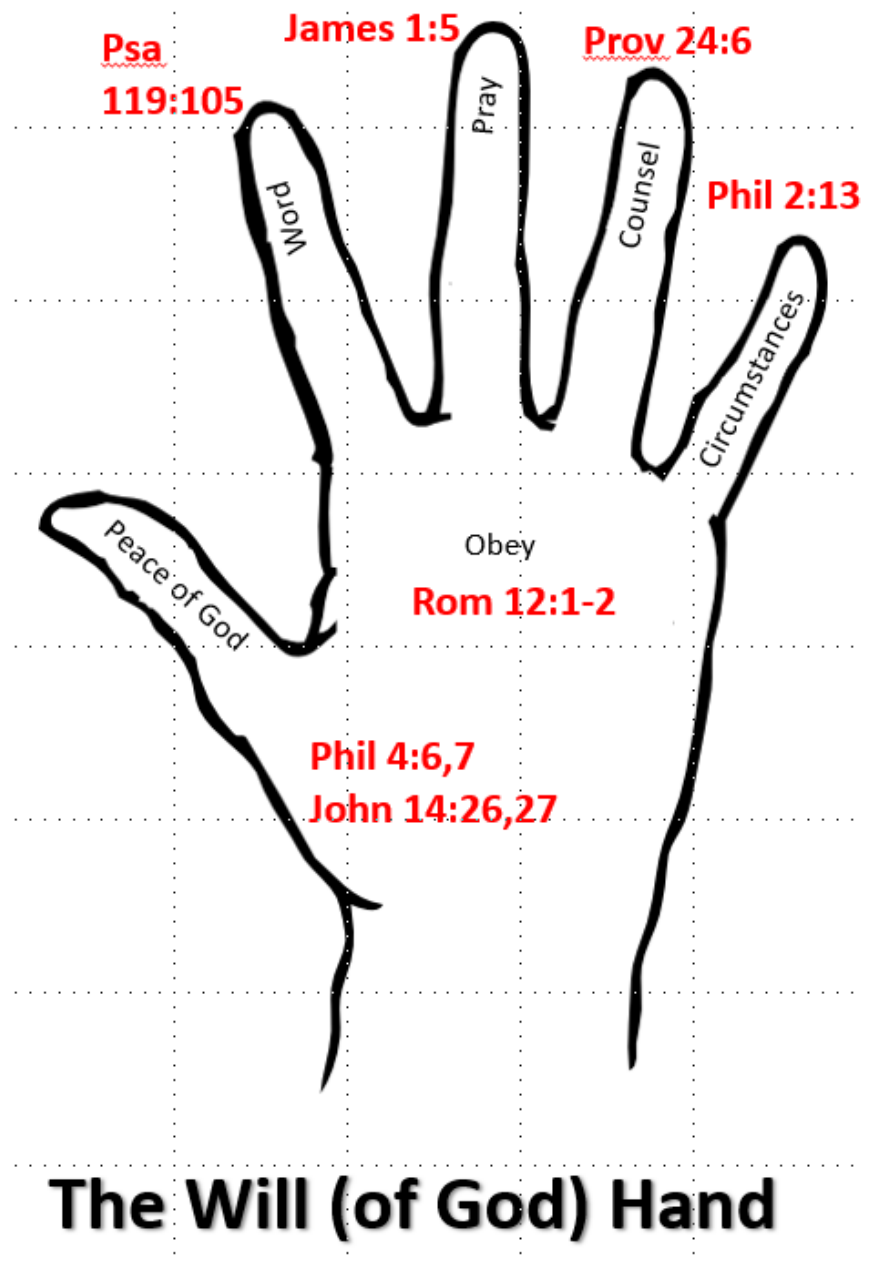
7. I have been given the example of Christ. WDJJ (not WWJD)

Matthew 26:42 “He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.””

John 13:15 “For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”

1 Peter 2:21 “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...”

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