

## The Will of God

**/\* once again the Lord laid it on my heart to deal with this difficult subject. \*/**

**When I was lost or maybe even a baby Christian I did things with my own will only. Some decisions were important. One time my friends asked me to take a trip to Canada. I pretty much flipped a coin to decide whether to go or not. Tails came up, so I stayed home. They ended up having a big car accident. I was just lucky.**

**As a mature Christian I had to decide whether or not to go to Korea when this job opened in a church where they needed an American preacher. I reasoned that since I wanted to be a missionary one day that this would be a way to get some real experience. But I still asked God in prayer whether or not my plans were in His will. I got the impression that I should go. I did and many doors opened up out there – preaching, teaching, a Bible study.**

**/\* you don't have to ask whether to eat vanilla or chocolate ice cream \*/**

**If you don't find the WOG you're wasting your life.**

*Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord [is].*

**The opposite of unwise is wise.**

**The synonym of unwise is fool.**

**'unwise' - as to the will of God.**

## What is the Will of God?

### **\* To abstain from sin -**

*1Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

### **\* to be delivered from this present evil world -**

*Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:*

### **\* to give thanks -**

*1Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

### **\* It is the WOG for us to submit to auth.**

*Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*

*Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)*

*Ephesians 6:3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*

*Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

*Ephesians 6:5 Servants, be obedient to them that are [your] masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;*

*Ephesians 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*

### **That's doing the WOG.**

### **Those are the direct Will of God for a Christian.**

**The 'Will of the Lord' - You find it out by yielding to the Spirit, emptying the vessel and fill the vessel with righteousness and good things, else you'll never know what's right.**

**So any Christian that doesn't find the WOG for their life is really foolish. You've just wasted the opportunity to do something that will last forever.**

**Do the WOG. The best people are the people who in whose personnel relationships seek to do, as God wants them to do.**

**Example:**

*Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*

**A child who understands parental authority is in the WOG as long as the parent's rules are followed**

*Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)*

**You won't have promise or hope with God if you don't do this. Many teens don't honor parents so they reap it. They are victims of violent crime.**

**God does not give out reward based upon quantity, but on quality -**

*1Corinthians 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.*

**It's the type, quality of labor that brings the reward.**

*1Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed **how** he buildeth thereupon.*

**'how' - not how many**

*1Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

*1Corinthians 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;*

*1Corinthians 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what **sort** it is.*

**'sort' - Its not how much, but quality. So a child in subjection to obeying his parents is just as quality a work as a preacher or missionary or a husband or a wife. God puts that value on it, we don't.**

*1Corinthians 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.*

## **The Will of God is the one of the most important subjects to us as Christians.**

**Many Christians don't truly understand that. If you don't know whether or not you're in it or your definitely not in it then it doesn't really matter what your really doing. If your not in His will what your doing could just be the result of your will or some other spirit.**

**Many Christians deprive themselves of the full, abundant and purposed life which the Lord Jesus promised:**

*John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come** that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.*

**‘I am come’ – that, in itself, is an increase**

**Many Christians fail to comprehend the true character and nature of God, His absolute love, grace, wisdom, power, and holiness.**

**Many Christians have foolishly chosen rather to live according to their own plans rather than consider and do the Will of God.**

**There are many sincere Christians who want to do the Will of God, but do not know how to go about discovering His will for their lives.**

**But Christians are given a sound mind -**

*2Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

**‘fear’ - If you follow the Holy Spirit you have nothing to fear. You shouldnt fear anything after you get saved.**

**‘sound mind’ - We have a sound mind that can be guided by the Holy Spirit.**

**This mind can be remade -**

*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.*

**‘present’ - Thats what God wants you to do, it’s your ‘work’.**

**‘holy’ - set apart, clean. You do that by purging it -**

*2Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore **purge** himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work.*

'sanctified' - set apart, cleansed

*Romans 12:2 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.*

**‘not conformed’ - negative, you separate yourself from the world**

**‘transformed’ - 'not conformed' is not enough. It wont work by itself. You need something to replace the world with. You replace the world with another world, spiritual things. To be changed by the renewing of your mind -**

*2Corinthians 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward [man] is **renewed** day by day.*

**- Get in the Bible daily. As we immerse ourselves into the Word of God via reading it, studying it, praying about it and through meditation, we are changed into the same image of Christ [who is the Word of God]. The more you are like Christ, the better you can discern His will for your life.**

*Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new [man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

**That new man is your being transformed into the image of Christ by absorbing the mind of Christ, His way of looking at things. A worldly person looks at life the way the world looks at it. Christmas is ok, etc. God looks at it differently.**

**If you want to know what is right in your life the only way you have to do just is to submit to God first. He will never really show you right against what is wrong until you submit to God first.**

*Hebrews 5:13 For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a **babe**.*

*Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

**A baby doesn't know right from wrong. You never will be able to discern the Will of God until you present your body as a living sacrifice, separate yourself from the way the world looks at it and begin to be transformed into the way God looks at it ten the will of God will become plain and evident to you.**

*Romans 12:2 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.*

'good, acceptable and perfect' - hard to understand. God accepts some things that aren't perfect and some things are good but not perfect. Maybe it's the difference between doing something just acceptable and something perfect.

Examples:

- \* Reading the Bible vs. reading AND going to church.
- \* Paul going back to Jerusalem. God accepted it but it was a mess.

**When you submit yourself to the Lord you will know exactly what God considers right and wrong.**

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This all amounts to a spiritual Christian using their ‘sound mind’ to discern the Will of God versus carnal people (lost AND Christian), who depend on the wisdom of Man – common sense, etc.

Are your decisions made using the sound mind that the Christian CAN use or are they made using the ‘common sense’ of the natural man?

*1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.*

*John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear [them] not, because ye are not of God.*

- Explains why a RC priest can study, but not understand the Bible.

### Knowing God's Will –

Christ taught us that knowing God's will and living in obedience to that will is exceedingly important in a Christian's life.

God is the potter; we are the clay. God keeps us spinning on His potter's wheel, shaping and reshaping us as

\* He bathes our lives in tears to make us more Christ-like so He can use us for His will. Surrender daily. Keep your clay moist through daily prayer - prayer that's in accordance to His will.

### **Verses on this:**

*1John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

*Psalms 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart.*

*John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

*Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

**Christians need a heart that's in such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter.**

**\* Nine-tenths of the trouble with people generally is just here. \* Nine-tenths of the difficulties are **overcome** when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is open to the knowledge of what His will is.**

**- When you get to this point your heart is prepared ask God in prayer to reveal His Will to you. And you can then avoid resorting to methods that amount to flipping a coin.**

**We can have confidence that He hears us when we pray in God's will:**

***1John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:***

'according to his will' - You want to ask for the things that are pleasing to Him as you are asking in HIS name - the name of righteousness and truth.

*Psalms 34:15 The eyes of the LORD [are] upon the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their cry.*

- If you're right with God then He's listening.

If you know the revealed Will of God you know what you can get prayer answered for.

***1John 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.***

There are 4 answers to prayer:

- 1) yes
- 2) no
- 3) wait
- 4) something better

God answers all prayer based on what you pray for.

When you want to know God's Will, you need to pray He will guide you. But you also need to harmonize your requests with His will.

Be a friend of God's -

In John 15:15, Jesus says -

*John 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.*

**If you want to know the will of God, be a friend of God. How do you become His friend? You talk to Him—all the time. Friends talk about their plans together, so spend time praying and talking to the Lord. God reveals His will to His friends and servants.**

**Note:** I don't want to detract from the importance of knowing God's Will for you, but sometimes, it's even possible to find out what the Bible says on the exact options you're considering. Indeed, the Word has a lot of practical things to say about God's will. For starters, the law of God can help you discern whether He wants you to do one thing or another. That can mean an emphatic yes or no found right in the commandments.

### **Be Guided by His Word**

*Psalms 119:105 NUN. Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

**When you are searching for God's will, you need to open the Bible even more than you normally would. Ask God to help you find specific guidance for your life in His Word.**

## **The Will of God defined in Scripture**

The first meaning of the will of God: It is God's sovereign control of all things.

We call this his “sovereign will”.

It cannot be broken. It always comes to pass.

He does according to *His Will* among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’”

*[[ Daniel 4:35 ]] And all the inhabitants of the earth [are] reputed **as nothing**: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and [among] the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, **What doest thou?***

‘as nothing’ - No man would ever write that. What He's saying there is that everybody's reputation is a zero. No man would write a book and say that. This is a statement that would never, never originate with Man. This is Nebuchadnezzar speaking - looking up into heaven not education.

'he' – God

‘army of heaven’ – See Revelation 19 – The Battle in heaven with Michael and the devil.

'What doest thou' - **The same statement Solomon made earlier, probably about 400-500 years earlier. Nebuchadnezzar understood it. After what God had put him thru you're not going to question God. You don't say to God 'What do you think you're doing?' He'll put you out in the field for about 7 years. He knows how to break your will. He knows how to get your attention.**

**'he doeth according to his will' – That's the whole story of the Bible. It is either His Will or ours. From the very beginning that's the conflict and that's the issue of the Bible. The sad part about it is - When we invoke our will it will still be brought under His will eventually. So you might as well just yield to Him now because sooner or later you'll have to yield to Him anyway. His Will will dominate.**

*Isaiah 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me,*

*Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

- **Neb learns that the hard way, but most of us do also.**

**Most of us have to be broken like Neb and brought down to the lowest place before we'll acknowledge who God really is, until we'll look up. If your going to pray for somebody to get saved pray that God would humble them completely. If they make a lot of money ask God to break them financially. If they're good at sports ask God to break their body, put them in a hospital. The thing that they are living for, as long as they have that it's hard for them to see God. If u take that away from them it will be a lot easier for them to see God. They mat rebel against that taken away. There are men, that when God does step in, they become bitter when God takes away from them what they love and they wont submit their will to Him.**

## **Details of the Will of God**

**As we said, the Will of God is the most important subject to us as individual Christians. Most Christians don't truly understand that. If you're not in the Will of God or you don't know if you're in it or you're definitely not then it doesn't really matter what you're really doing. If you're not in His will what you're doing could just be the result of your will or some other spirit.**

**It is the supreme subject of revelation, and the one and only abiding law of life.**

**'supreme subject' - God wrote the Bible for you for a specific purpose.**

**We use it to learn about God (theology), Christ, the Holy Spirit, doctrine (teachings) about salvation, prophecy. All are important, but in reality the Bible was written so that you would be in the Will of God.**

**When you're living in His Will you are LIVING. If you're not in His Will then you're not really living.**

*1Timothy 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.*

**You want a widow that continues doing the spiritual things, although she is desolate. Keep in those things.**

*1Timothy 5:6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.*

**- because she's out of the WOG, she has no light.**

1John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

- **and knowing that, you might believe**

**God wrote a Bible so you would be saved and the rest of the Bible is all written for your sanctification.**

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*1Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

**The only way you can really bring glory to God is to be in His Will, doing what He wants YOU specifically to do**

- **or glory goes to your flesh if u do what you want to do**  
- **or if u do what Satan wants u to do - in this case glory goes to him.**

**When a man will surrender 1st in salvation and then in his life in sanctification and service to the Lord, he is free, not totally to do anything he wants, but he's free from what would destroy him, rob him of his relationship now with Christ and would really bind him. So the WOG is something that liberates people.**

## **Understanding what the will of the Lord is - Doing the will of the Lord from the heart.**

- It is the highest goal a Christian has. The WOG is the supreme subject.

Christians in church LOOK pretty spiritual. Yet they may not be in the WOG.

God won't lead you to do anything contrary to the WOG for a NT Christian under grace. God cannot lie.

*Mark 3:32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.*

*Mark 3:33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?*

*Mark 3:34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!*

*Mark 3:35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.*

- It's very important. Relatives are close to you, but the people who do the WOG are closest.

If you're not sowing to the Spirit you're sowing to the flesh. If you're not doing the WOG you're not being fellowshiped with by Jesus Christ, whether or not you're building churches or winning souls. God used a jackass in the OT to preach a message. He can use any jackass to preach a message. The jackass was 100% in the WOG.

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**The highest calling you can be in is being in the WOG. If you're subjective to doing what He wants you to do there isn't any higher position.**

**Anyone who seeks the WOG will reach the ultimate highest fruits of the Holy Spirit - love, joy, peace - all will be available and a part of your surrender to Him. You're walking in the Spirit and obeying it.**

**In the WOG is where God wants you to be. When Peter said -**

*Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

**Jesus said -**

*Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

**Our word for 'blessed' is happy, joyful.**

*Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

**'rock - his confession**

**So when you surrender to the WOG in your life you will be working with Him to build His church (His bride). We become partners in that eternal building project. What you do in the WOG - for Christ - building His church: whatever part you take in the work of the church to get people saved, to**

**establish local churches to get people saved, to disciple people to get people saved - that is an intimate partnership and relationship with Christ. There is no higher calling than that.**

**Every Christian has their own course, their own fight.**

**\* We all have the same faith but we all have a diff battle.**

**\* When you find what God's called you to and you get in that battle that is a high calling and that is the WOG for you. There is no higher calling, even the president of the world.**

**But if that's what He wants for you then you're in His will. You couldn't be any higher than that.**

**Like we said, a child who obeys their parents is on the plane of being on a high calling – they're just as valuable, productive, fruitful, glorifying to God as a missionary, evangelist or preacher. If that's what you're called to do and be then you can't be any higher than that and if the youngster was Tiger Woods and was out of the WOG he couldn't be any lower.**

## **Being in the Will of God is a priority.**

**1) There's no salvation without it.**

**If you're not in the WOG you're whole purpose for your life and for you being created is lost, gone. And you can't get in the WOG without being saved first.**

**2) There's no (gauranteed) answers to prayer without being in the Will of God. If you want your prayer life to be consistent and fruitful you have to be in the WOG.**

**3) You're in the area where Christians become subject to heresy when you're not in the WOG.**

**- One of the works of the flesh is heresy.**

**Another priority (means necessity) is prayer.**

**We don't believe there will be answers to saints prayers when they're out of the WOG.**

**Your prayer life is going to have a lot to do w how surrendered u are to what God wants u to do.**

**Prayer is dependent on an individual being in the WOG. The whole basis of prayer and getting answers to prayer is based upon asking in Christ's name.**

*John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

**This concerns the name -**

*Phillipians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

**His name would be above every name because He's sinless, holy, righteous.**

*Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

**When you ask in His name it's not because you're tacking the expression on the end 'in Christ's name'. That is not praying in Christ's name. We do that as a formula, but that's not praying in Christ's name. Here is the interpretation: It is essential for a Christian to be in the WOG (be where you're supposed to be, doing what you're supposed to be doing, in general) for you to get prayers heard.**

*1John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

**'we' - Christians**

**'him' - God**

*1John 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

**- If we ask anything according to His will A Christians who is not in the WOG - and God is going to give every Christian a great chance to be in the WOG.**

**- God doesn't want you to miss the WOG for your life, He's going to go out of His way to show you. A Christian that rejects that, a woman who's not in subjection to her husband, a husband who doesn't love his wife as Christ loved the church, a child that's disrespectful, a rebel - God is going to reprimand them, He's going to show them over and over again if they continue to openly reject - not go to church, not pray about my job - you say how can they be saved. You have an old nature. You can walk in the flesh; that a person in that kind of a situation - it doesn't matter what they pray. There is no guarantee God hears unless they're repenting of what the issue is in their life. So u might as well forget praying.**

**There are Christians, they won't seek God on going to church and everything then all of a sudden they'll want something. Then they'll starting going to God and saying they want this car, they want this job, they want this thing. God isn't listening.**

*John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

**'name' - in the name of righteousness 99% of the time people in that condition are never asking for the right thing.**

**There is no prayer without it -**

*1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; [and] he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

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**If it's not in His will then He's not likely to be even listening.**

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**It states that simply, but He doesn't do a lot of what you ask. How do you reconcile that? You're wrong, not the Bible. He said 'whatsoever ye shall ask in my name' - in my name**

**- That's not tacking His name on the end of a prayer – you're asking IN CHRIST – you're asking something that's in the WOG for you in Christ Jesus. And if it's not in the WOG for you in Christ Jesus He doesn't have to do it. We have tacked His name unto a lot of requests that weren't worth bringing to the throne of God. But if you ask anything in His name, the name of righteousness, He'll hear it and He'll do it. But be in His will because you want Him to answer prayer.**

## **Hinderences to prayer**

### **1) your sins**

*Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid [his] face from you, that he will not hear.*

### **2) your motives**

*James 4:1 From whence [come] wars and fightings among you? [come they] not hence, [even] of your lusts that war in your members?*

*James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

*James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume [it] upon your lusts.*

### **3) marital problems**

*1Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with [them] according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

### **4) spiritual hinderence**

*Daniel 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*

*Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

### **5) no faith - prayers have to be made in faith**

*James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

*James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

### **6) [prayers must be pleasing to Him]**

*1John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

**7) disobedience (not going to church, reading the Bible, praying)**

### **8) they must be in truth**

*Psalms 145:18 The LORD [is] nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.*

## **Practicing sound doctrine is a priority to be in the WOG**

**To be in the WOG a Christian must practice sound doctrine. (Lesson 2) –**

*John 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*

**Its conditional -**

*John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or [whether] I speak of myself.*

'his' - God's will - the one that sent Christ

'myself' - the doctrine of a man

**The Pharisees got fouled up in this. Because they were out of the WOG they rejected the doctrines, the truths concerning Israel and their kingdom and their Messiah and their prosperity - everything that God had promised them went down the drain because they rejected the WOG for their lives.**

**American Christianity has accepted the tradition of Christmas over the doctrines of the birth of Christ and the duties of a Christian and they have full well rejected the doctrines of God where the emphasis is on His DBR, not on His birth. The virgin birth is necessary, but it wasn't at the time that the world celebrates it.**

**And Christians for a month or 2 get wrapped up in that tradition and during that time they get very little done for the Lord. In fact most missionaries, evangelists who rely upon the church's offerings suffer greatly during that time as far as their income goes. Ask an evangelist if he has any place to preach in Dec. They're having Christmas celebrations and plays. There's no basis for that in the Scriptures anywhere.**

*Mark 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.*

**So when a person is not in the WOG in his personnel, family or church life then he isn't going to discern true doctrine from false doctrine and he's not going to discern true tradition. Paul says:**

*2Thessalonians 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

**- You're to go by the traditions laid down in his epistles. They will then replace those true doctrines and true traditions with false doctrines and false traditions because you can't know true doctrine unless you're doing His will -**

*John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or [whether] I speak of myself.*

**There's no doctrinal understanding without it -**

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**There's no blessing without being in the WOG (acc to Galatians).**

*Proverbs 3:33 The curse of the LORD [is] in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.*

**There are Christians living und the curse of God, not the eternal curse, but a temporary curse.**

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**If you allow your body to sin you'll reap it in this life.**

**That law is still in effect for your body, not your soul.**

**Christians live und the curse of God all the time in America -**

**Their finances, families, their marriages, their kids are cursed. We're a long way from where God wants America to be. Everything you really want is in the WOG and everything you don't want is out of His will.**

## **Your purpose as a Christian**

**My whole purpose as a Christian, as a creation is to glorify my Creator. Therefore being in the WOG is a priority because glory to God is important. If you're not in the WOG, it doesn't glorify God when you're doing what YOU want to do.**

*Romans 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

*Galatians 1:3 Grace [be] to you and peace from God the Father, and [from] our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:*

*Galatians 1:5 To whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**God wants you delivered from this present evil world.**

**That's His Will. It's a glory to Him when you are separated and walking not according to the course of this present evil world. That's what really glorifies Him. Your old nature wants to walk in the dir of the world. The world wants u to walk the way they're walking. The devil wants u to walk in his direction.**

*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:*

**- the prince of the power of the air**

**God gets glory when we surrender to the power that's in us and He does exceedingly abundantly to us and for us and it all brings glory to Him.**

*Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

*Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.*

**The Holy Spirit is in you both to will and to do of His good.**

**You work out your salvation by surrendering to what's working IN you to will.**

**That's the only way the world is ever going to know you're really saved and God's really done something for you, that a power greater than anything Man can come up with – that's the testimony that we have - everyone who knew us before we got saved and saw the change - the change wasn't really on the outside. We can put on different clothes, a different face, but that's all because of what happened in the heart and what's happened in the heart has gotten to our face.**

**'work out' - what God is working inside to do and He is working in there to will He wants to be your will, not the will of man or the will of the flesh, but of God. Anytime that happens God gets the glory for it.**

**When you're in the WOG it brings glory to God. There is nothing God desires more than that.**

*John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or [whether] I speak of myself.*

**When you line up with His will its His Will not your will. And you're not walking in yourself, you're walking in Him.**

*John 7:18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.*

**'himself' - His Will**

**How would Jesus Christ seek the Father's glory? By doing the Father's Will. That's how Christ the Son brought glory to the Father. If**

**he spoke of himself then he was seeking his own glory, but if he speaks what the Father tells him to speak then he's seeking the glory of the one that sent him. And in this sense, in his relationship to God he's true and he's completely righteous. There is no greater fruit in your life.**

*1Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

**As long as you're in the WOG that will happen. If you're out of the WOG it can't happen.**

## **Finding the WOG**

**If we're going to find the WOG we're going to have to do it the way God says. We won't accidentally stumble on it. If you find the WOG for your life it will be on purpose.**

*Psalms 143:10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou [art] my God: thy spirit [is] good; lead me into the land of uprightness.*

**If we're going to find out what God wants us to do He's going to have to teach us. That understood, possession of the WOG in going to have to come from God Himself. God chooses to do it in a way that is pleasing to Him.**

*1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

**God chooses to save, train, call men to the ministry to preach to us that we would have the power of God. So if I'm going to find the WOG I'm going to have to find it thru a man.**

*Ephesians 3:21 Unto him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

**America does it the way they want. You won't find the WOG any other way than if you submit to the Bible, ask Him to teach you.**

*Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

*Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

**There aren't any prophets or apostles today so you'd better have a pastor. The majority of Christians are not in the WOG.**

*John 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*

**'them' - His believers, His disciples**

**'not' - If you pray for the world you're anti-Christ.**

## **Conclusions**

**If you don't find the WOG you're wasting your life.**

*Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord [is].*

**The synonym of 'unwise' is 'fool'.**

**Any Christian that doesn't find the WOG for their life is really foolish. You've just wasted the opportunity to do something that will last forever.**

**Too many Christians want to do it their own way, not God's way. But if you decide to choose to submit your life to be lived under the Will of the God and go His way because you want to, than you ARE still, in a sense, having your own way! If you learn that secret you have the whole secret of the Christian life.**