

# Divine Guidance

The great Grace Heroes recalled in Hebrews Chapter 11 reveal to us the wonderful truth of sufficient growth, making possible the accomplishments of God's will in an individual's life. These Biblical characters, by means of a body of truth resident in the soul, were able to make decisions and function within the framework of God's specific plan. For people to do the Will of God, they must know the will of God and that is impossible apart from the Word of God. We will note below some specifics of Divine Guidance.

- I. There are three types of Will:
  - A. God's Will
  - B. Angelic Will
  - C. Human Will
- II. The Principle of the Will of God is stated in 1 John 3:23. "And this is His Will, decree, command, that we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another. . ." There are two facets presented here:
  - A. Believing (Aorist Active Subjunctive) – it is potential
  - B. Loving one another of the same kind (Aorist Active Subjunctive) – this requires Grace growth
- III. Man has free will (Matt. 20:22; 26:42; Heb. 10:7,9)
- IV. There is the Direct Will, Permissive Will and the Overruling Will of God. It was the directive will of God that called Abraham out of Ur, but it was the Overruling Will of God that took him out of Haran and put him in Canaan.
- V. Principles of Divine Guidance:
  - A. First principle is knowledge (Prov. 3:1-6; Ps. 32:8, Is. 58:11 and Rom. 12:2)
  - B. Second principle is yielding/Filled with the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:13; 12:1,2; Eph. 5:17, 18 and I John 1:9)
  - C. Third principle is growth (II Pet. 3:18)
- VI. Categories of the Will of God for time:
  - A. Viewpoint Will of God – What does God want me to think? (Is. 55:7-9; Prov. 23:7; II Cor. 10:5)
  - B. Operational Will of God – What does God want me to do?
  - C. Geographical Will of God – Where does God want me to be? If the first two are right, we will not miss on the third.

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- VII. Mechanics of the Will of God are illustrated in Acts II:
  - A. Guidance through Prayer – 11:5
  - B. Guidance through Objective thinking – 11:6
  - C. Guidance through contact with the Word – 11:7-10
  - D. Guidance through Providential circumstances – 11:11
  - E. Guidance through the Filling of the Holy Spirit – 11:12
  - F. Guidance through Fellowship – 11:13, 14
  - G. Guidance through Scripture memory – 11:16
- VIII. God's Will declared:
  - A. It is his Will that every member of the human race be born again (II Peter 3:9, I John 2:17, John 6:40, 47; 14:6; 11:25; Acts 4:12; I John 2:2)
  - B. It is His Will that all believers be sanctified: Positional (I Cor. 1:2; Heb. 10:10); Experiential (Eph. 5:26, I John 1:9); Ultimate (Phil. 3:21, I Thess. 5:23; I John 3:1,2)
  - C. It is his Will that Believers be controlled by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18)
  - D. It is his Will we give thanks in everything (I Thess. 5:18)
  - E. It is his Will that believers suffer (I Peter 3:17 – Strange that it may seem, the purpose of suffering is blessing (I Peter 4:19). Suffering is God's way of bringing us closer to Himself, making us appreciate what He has provided and directing our attention to that which is really important in life.
  - F. It is His Will for us to Trust Him (Prov. 5, 6)
  - G. It is His Will for us to be productive (I Peter 2:15)
- IX. Divine guidance reaches a fantastic peak when believers get to the High Road of the Grace Abounding Life. Heb. 11:8 "By means of Spiritual Fuel in the soul of Abraham, where he was called – OBEYED."