

What is God's will for your life?

1. That you be **saved**

1 Tim 2:1-4 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 **who desires all people to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

2. That you be **filled** with the **Spirit**

Eph 5:17-18 Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand what the will of the Lord is.** 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**

3. That you be **sanctified**

1 Thes 4:3-8 **For this is the will of God, your sanctification:** that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

4. That you be **submissive**

1 Peter 2:13-15 **Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution,** whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 **For this is the will of God,** that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

5. That you **suffer**

1 Peter 3:17 For it is better to **suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will,** than for doing evil.

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Phil 1:29 For **it has been granted to you** that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also **suffer for his sake**

6. That you obey

- as an act of worship

Rom 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual worship**. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is **the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- from the heart

Eph 6:5-6 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, **6** not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart**

- as a way of life

Col 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be **filled with the knowledge of his will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10 so as to walk** in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, **that you may stand mature** and fully assured **in all the will of God**.

- by the Spirit's enabling

Heb 13:20-21 Now **may the God of peace** who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, **21 equip you** with everything good **that you may do his will**, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.