

# Knowing God's Will



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# Seeking God's Will

- **What does bible say about it?**

A basic, general idea of what it means to know the Will of God is found in **Matthew 6:33** ...*But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well....*

- **Why do we need to know God's will? –**

He is ruling our hearts, minds, and actions, including our motivations and desires. So, we seek what is best, as Jesus has planned out the best for us.

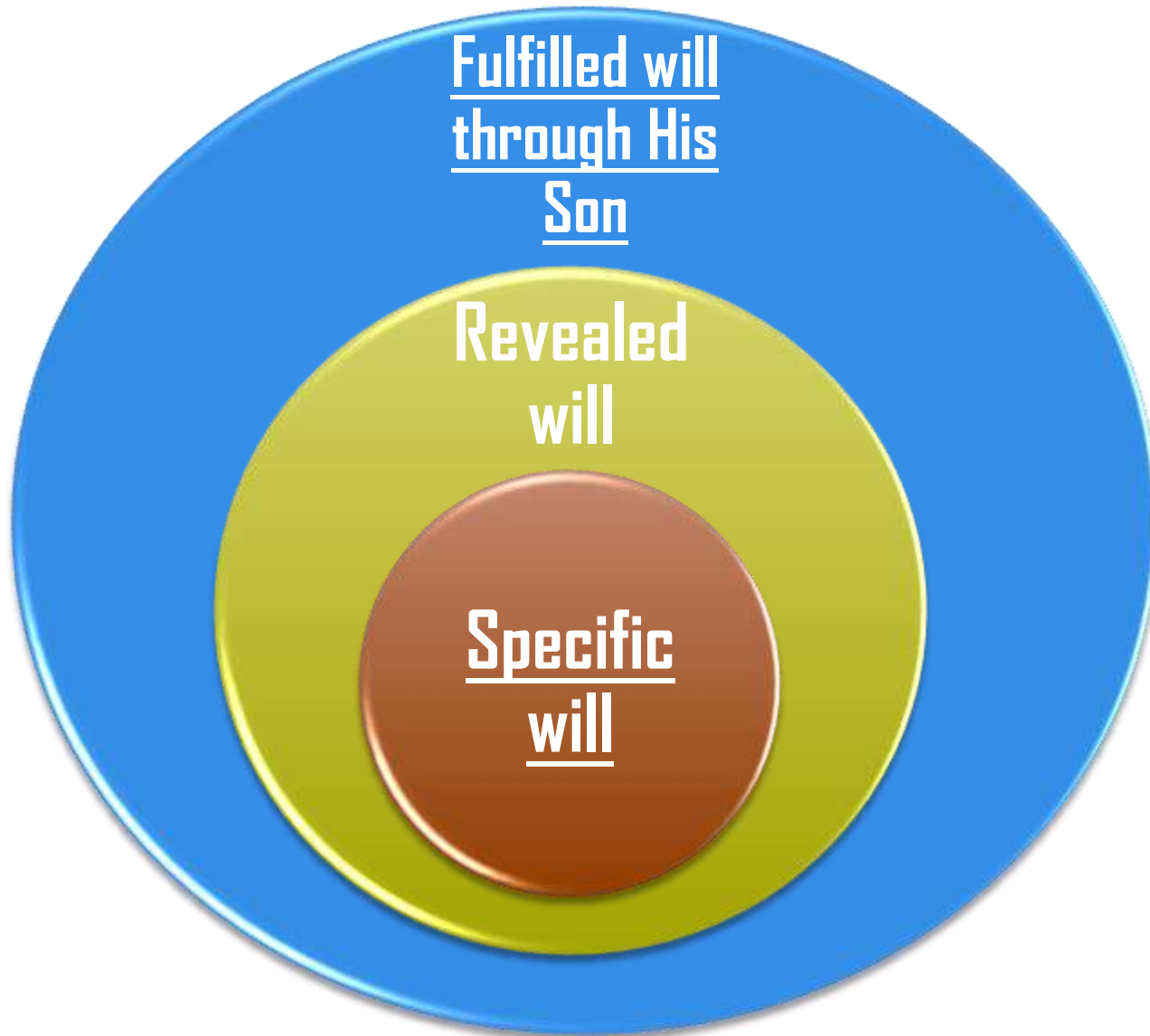
- **How can we know His will?**

It is about placing Christ first and foremost as Savior and Lord.

- **What will be our loss if we don't seek His will? –**

When we only look to ourselves or what we want, we miss His golden opportunities and goodness.

# God's Will





# **Fulfilled Will Through His Son**

# Fulfilled Needs

Following are Completed needs through his Son "JESUS"

1. Need for Love
2. Need for Family
3. Need for Life
4. Need for Guidance
5. Need for Strength
6. Need for Protection
7. Need for Forgiveness

1. Need for Health
2. Need for Peace
3. Need for Food & Cloth
4. Need for Friendship
5. Need for Hope
6. Need for Victory
7. Need for Wisdom

These are fulfilled needs who believe.

## Need for Love

- ❑ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).
- ❑ I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

## Need for Family

- ❑ God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. <sup>5</sup> God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his good will and plan (Ephesians 1:4-5).
- ❑ So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, & you belong to God's household. (Ephesians 2:19)

## Need for Life

- I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10).
- Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies" (John 11:25).

## Need for Guidance

- You have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).
- Trust in the LORD with all your heart, don't rely on your own intelligence. Know him in all your paths, & he will keep your ways straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)



## Need for Strength & Victory

- ❑ I can do everything through Him who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13).
- ❑ God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it (1 Corinthians 10:13).

## Need for Protection

- The LORD is your protector; the LORD is your shade right beside you. The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night. The LORD will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life. The LORD will protect you on your journeys— whether going or coming— from now until forever from now. (Psalm 121 : 5- 8)

## Need for Forgiveness

- Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Act 2:38).
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

## Need for Health/Healing

- ❑ If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven. (James 5 :14-15)

## Need for Food & Clothing

- **Why do you worry? "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well (Matthew 6:28,33).**
- **I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed (Psalm 37:25-26).**

## Need for Peace

- **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).**
- **Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:27).**

## Need for Hope

- In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:3-4).
- We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure (Hebrews 6:19).

## Need for Friendship

- ❑ No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:13,15)

## Need for Wisdom

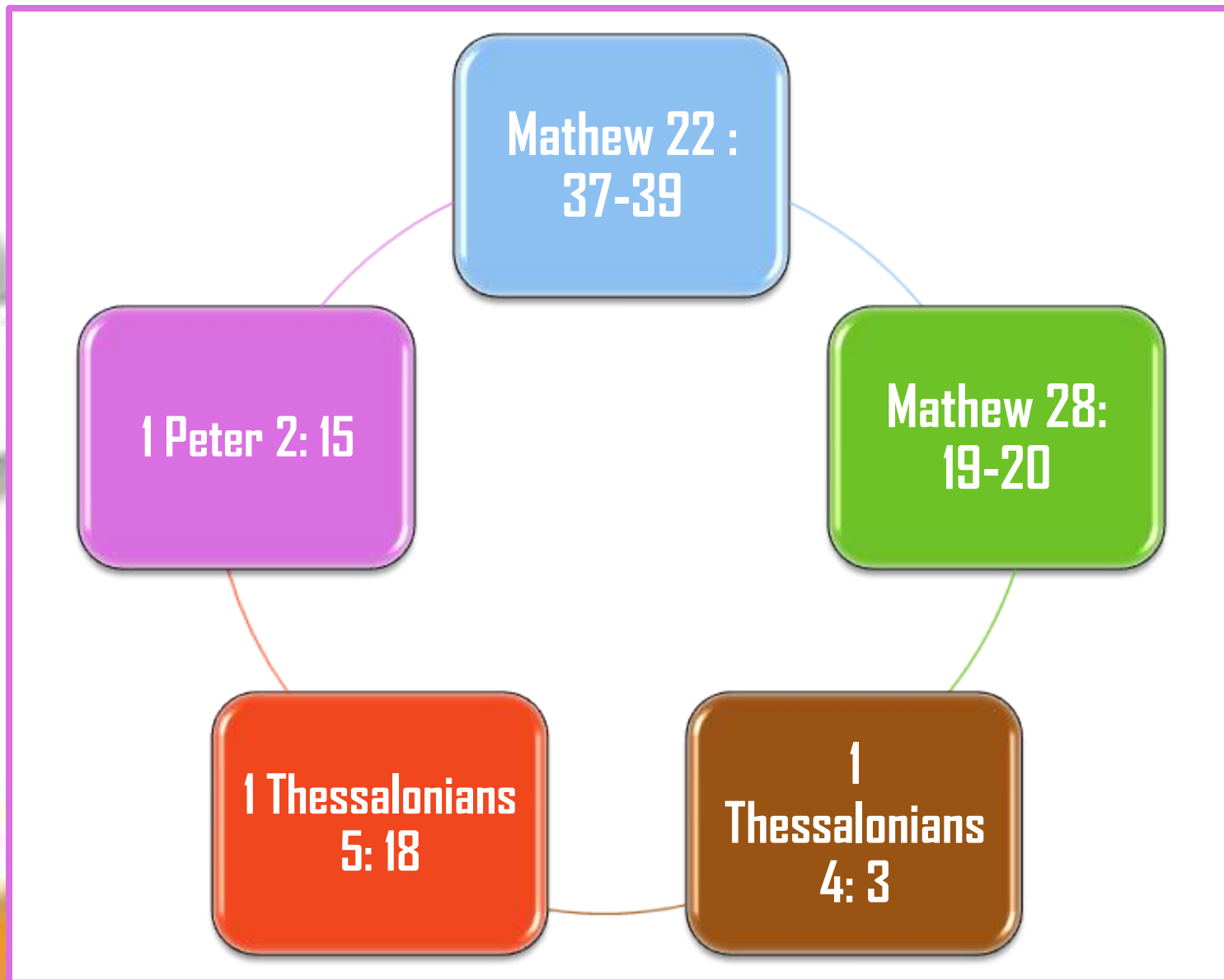
- ❑ **If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him (James 1:5).**

## All Needs

- **God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).**
- **My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).**

# Revealed Will of God

# God's Revealed will - In General



# God's Revealed Will

Love the Lord  
your God with all  
your heart, mind  
& Soul.

God Wants you to  
silence the  
ignorant talk of  
foolish people by  
the GOOD THINGS  
you do.

Go & Make  
Followers of all  
people & Baptize  
them in my Name.

Whatever  
Happens ; Always  
be THANKFUL.

He Wants you to  
be HOLY & wants  
you to be AWAY  
FROM SIN



**As we seek God's righteousness we gain fruits of the Spirit and His virtues in our life.**

<b>Our Role</b>	<b>Bible Reference</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Bible Reference</b>
<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Roman 13:1-7, Titus 3:1</b>	<b>Happiness</b>	<b>Matthew 5:3-12</b>
<b>Cleanliness</b>	<b>II Corinthians 7:1</b>	<b>Holiness</b>	<b>I Peter 1:13-16</b>
<b>Consecration</b>	<b>Romans 12:1,2</b>	<b>Honesty</b>	<b>II Corinthians 8:21</b>
<b>Contentment</b>	<b>I Timothy 6:6</b>	<b>Honor</b>	<b>I Peter 2:17</b>
<b>Courage</b>	<b>Psalms 27:14</b>	<b>Honor to Parents</b>	<b>Matthew 15:4</b>
<b>Diligence</b>	<b>Romans 12:11</b>	<b>Hope</b>	<b>I Peter 1:13</b>
<b>Duty</b>	<b>Luke 20:21-25</b>	<b>Humility</b>	<b>Luke 18:9-14 , Philippians 2:3-11</b>
<b>Endurance</b>	<b>Luke 21:9-19, 2Timothy 2:3</b>	<b>Joy</b>	<b>Luke 10:20 , John 15:11</b>
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Matt 8:5-13 ,Mark 11:22-24</b>	<b>Kindness</b>	<b>Colossians 3:12,13</b>
<b>Godliness</b>	<b>Titus 2:11-14</b>	<b>Labor</b>	<b>John 9:4</b>
<b>Forgiveness</b>	<b>Mark 11:25, Ephesians 4:31,32</b>	<b>Love</b>	<b>Luke 10:27, I Cor 13</b>
<b>Freedom</b>	<b>John 8:31-36</b>	<b>Obedience</b>	<b>John 14:15-24 ,Acts 5:29</b>
<b>Fruitfulness</b>	<b>John 15:1-8</b>	<b>Overcoming</b>	<b>John 16:33, Revelation 3:12</b>

<b>Our Role</b>	<b>Bible Reference</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Bible Reference</b>
<b>Patience</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:36</b>	<b>Temperance</b>	<b>I Thessalonians 5:6-8</b>
<b>Peacefulness</b>	<b>John 14:27 Romans 12:18</b>	<b>Truth</b>	<b>John 14:6 ,John 17:17 Ephesians 4:14,15</b>
<b>Perseverance</b>	<b>Mark 13:5-13</b>	<b>Trust</b>	<b>Psalm 37:3-5,Proverbs 3:5,6</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Luke 11:1-13,Ephesians 6:18</b>	<b>Steadfastness</b>	<b>I Corinthians 15:57-58</b>
<b>Pure Thinking</b>	<b>Philippians 4:8</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>John 4:23,24</b>
<b>Purity</b>	<b>Matthew 5:27-32 II Timothy 2:22</b>	<b>Watchfulness</b>	<b>Mark 13:34-37</b>
<b>Reading the Bible</b>	<b>John 5:39 ,Psalm 1:2 Psalm 119:97</b>	<b>Zeal</b>	<b>John 2:13-17,John 6:27</b>
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Ephesians 6:10-18</b>	<b>Righteousness</b>	<b>Matthew 5:6,Matthew 6:33</b>
<b>Reverence</b>	<b>Psalm 89:7</b>	<b>Sincerity</b>	<b>Philippians 1:9,10</b>

# Revealed Will - Parents Responsibility

What responsibility do parents have in bringing up children?

- a) Ephesians 6:4 - Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- b) Proverbs 13: 24 - Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.
- c) Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Sometimes parents are separated for years because of jobs & financial considerations.**

**1 Timothy 6:6-10 gives several principles regarding money.**

**A) What brings contentment? - Christ makes a person rich in a different sense. But godliness with contentment is great gain(V6).**

**B) How much money can I take out of this world? - Nothing for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. (V7)**

**C)What should I be content with?**

**But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.(V8)**

**D) What happens to people who wants to get rich? (V 9, 10)**

**Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.**

# Revealed Will – Christ- centered Home

For parents & their children to fulfill God's wonderful plan for their lives they must live together to the maximum extent possible. They can establish a Christ-centered home in which the Father can instruct the family according to scriptures. So that:

- a) Philippians 2:15 .. you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,
- b) Deuteronomy 6: 7 You shall **teach them diligently to your children,** and shall talk of them when you sit **in your house,** and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

# **Specific Will Of God**

## Specific Will

For example, guidance or finding God's will is often restricted to such things as:

- Whom do I marry?
- Where do I work?
- What car should I buy?
- What house should I buy?
- Should I go to college, and if so, where should I go?

**But These are part of the specific will which God will fulfill in his own TIME.**

# Marriage

**Believer must determine "God's will" concerning his/her marriage.**

**Marriage is not an invention of man. It is God's plan that man shall not be alone.**

**Lets look at it.....**



# God's Plan - Adam received his wife as a gift from God.

Gen. 2:18 - "And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him'".

Gen. 2:22-24 - "Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said:  
'This is now bone of my bone And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.'

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

**In this way two people become one.**

# How does God view marriage?

**Hebrews 13:4 - Marriage should be honored by everyone. And every marriage should be kept pure between husband and wife. God will judge guilty those who commit sexual sins and adultery.**

**Proverbs 18:22 - If you find a wife, you have found something good. She shows that the LORD is happy with you.**

# What does Bible say about Believers and Non-Believers?

## We Are God's Temple - 2 Corinthians 6: 14-16

1. You are not the same as those who don't believe. So don't join yourselves to them. (this refers to a very close, deep, association with strong commitments and ties, not friendship or acquaintance)
2. Good and evil don't belong together.
3. Light and darkness cannot share the same room.
4. How can there be any unity between Christ and the devil?
5. What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?
6. God's temple cannot have anything to do with idols, and we are the temple of the living God.

As God said, "I will live with them & walk with them; I will be their God, & they will be my people."

## How does this apply to Christian marriage?

- It simply means that a believer & non believer should not be joined together in marriage.

Acc to 2 Corinthians 6: 14-16 , How can right & wrong be partners?

[Note : Non-believers are those who are not believers of Christ.]

# When man & woman get married, what does God advise?

**Matthew 19: 5-6**

**And God said, 'That is why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. And the two people will become one.'**

**So they are no longer two, but one.**

**God has joined them together,  
so no one should separate them.**

➤ **How could you apply this principle if you have to remain in your parent's house?**

**The "separation" referred to is more emotional than physical. If a couple are staying with their parents their emotional loyalty, decision making, etc. need to be in tune with each others over their parents. At the same time, they need to hold their parents in highest honour and respect.**

# God's Will For

## Husbands

➤ Ephesians 5: 25, 28 -Husbands, love your wives the same as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it. <sup>28</sup> And husbands should love their wives like that. They should love their wives as they love their own bodies. The man who loves his wife loves himself,

➤ 1 Peter 3:7 - In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives in an understanding way, since they are weaker than you. You should show them respect, because God gives them the same blessing he gives you—the grace of true life. Do this so that nothing will stop your prayers from being heard

## Wives

➤ Ephesians 5:22-24 <sup>22</sup> Wives, be willing to serve your husbands the same as the Lord. <sup>23</sup> A husband is the head of his wife, just as Christ is the head of the church. Christ is the Savior of the church, which is his body. <sup>24</sup> The church serves under Christ, so it is the same with you wives. You should be willing to serve your husbands in everything.

➤ Proverbs 31:12,26,27 - She does good for her husband all her life. She never causes him trouble. 26 She speaks with wisdom and teaches others to be loving and kind. 27 She oversees the care of her house. She is never lazy.

## What principles do we find regarding marriage acc to 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 where:

- a) Two believers are married :- (Verse 10,11) Now, I have a command for those who are married. Actually, it is not from me; it is what the Lord commanded. A wife should not leave her husband. <sup>11</sup> But if a wife does leave, she should remain single or get back together with her husband. And a husband should not divorce his wife.
- a) One partner is a non-believer :- (Verse 12-14) - The advice I have for the others is from me. The Lord did not give us any teaching about this. If you have a wife who is not a believer, you should not divorce her if she will continue to live with you. <sup>13</sup> And if you have a husband who is not a believer, you should not divorce him if he will continue to live with you. <sup>14</sup> The husband who is not a believer is set apart for God through his believing wife. And the wife who is not a believer is set apart for God through her believing husband. If this were not true, your children would be unfit for God's use. But now they are set apart for him.

Verse 15-16 - <sup>15</sup> But if the husband or wife who is not a believer decides to leave, let them leave. When this happens, the brother or sister in Christ is free. God chose you to have a life of peace. <sup>16</sup> Wives, maybe you will save your husband; and husbands, maybe you will save your wife. You don't know now what will happen later.

**What should a wife do if her husband is unsaved?**

**- 1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives should be willing to serve your husbands. Then, even those who have refused to accept God's teaching will be persuaded to believe because of the way you live. You will not need to say anything**

**• What should a wife do if her husband dies?**

**- 1 Corinthians 7: 39,40 – A woman should stay with her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, the woman is free to marry any man she wants, but he should belong to the Lord.  
40 The woman is happier if she does not marry again. This is my opinion, and I believe that I have God's Spirit**



## From 1 Corinthians 7:27-28, 32-34, what are the 3 possible reasons for not marrying.

- If you have a wife, don't try to get free from her. If you are not married, don't try to find a wife. <sup>28</sup> But if you decide to marry, that is not a sin. And it is not a sin for a girl who has never married to get married. **But those who marry will have trouble in this life, and I want you to be free from this trouble.**
- **I want you to be free from worry. A man who is not married is busy with the Lord's work. He is trying to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But a man who is married is busy with things of the world. He is trying to please his wife. <sup>34</sup> He must think about two things—pleasing his wife and pleasing the Lord. A woman who is not married or a girl who has never married is busy with the Lord's work. She wants to give herself fully—body and spirit—to the Lord. But a married woman is busy with things of the world. She is trying to please her husband.**

# GREY AREAS

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Movies, parties, time pass by watching TV,

## What principles will help us make a decision in these areas?

- A) 1 Corinthians 6: 12 Use your bodies for God's glory - "I am allowed to do anything," you say. My answer to this is that not all things are good. Even if it is true that "I am allowed to do anything," I will not let anything control me like a slave.
- B) 1 Corinthians 10: 31-33 - So if you eat, or if you drink, or if you do anything, do it for the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Never do anything that might make other people do wrong—Jews, non-Jews, or anyone in God's church. <sup>33</sup> I do the same thing. I try to please everyone in every way. I am not trying to do what is good for me. I am trying to do what is good for the most people so that they can be saved.
- C) Romans 14:13 - So we should stop judging each other. Let's decide not to do anything that will cause a problem for a brother or sister or hurt their faith.
- D) Romans 14:23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin

It means that

- a) God has given a freedom to do anything but said not to become slaves of it. E.g. Watching TV is not harmful but becoming slave is not good.
- b) Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.
- c) Do it all for God's glory. Please keep watch on your steps & ask before whether this step of mine will bring glory to God or not.
- d) Anything that is NOT based on faith is Sin. (Romans 14:23)

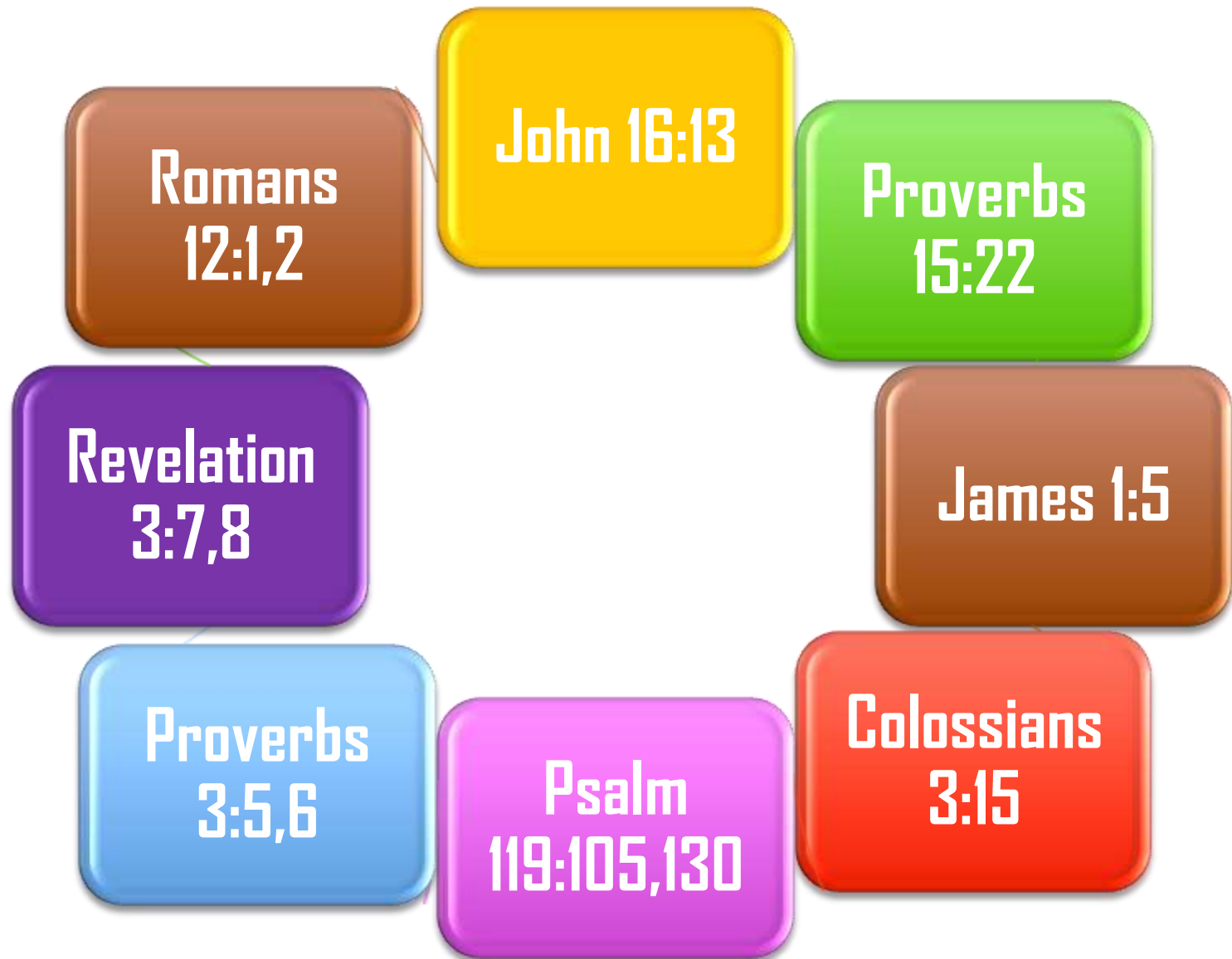
➤ **For What purpose did God call us?**

Roman 8 : 28-29 - We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. These are the people God chose, because that was his plan. <sup>29</sup> God knew them before he made the world. And he decided that they would be like his Son. Then Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers and sisters.

➤ **How does God accomplish his will in my Life?**

Philippians 2:13 - Yes, it is God who is working in you. He helps you want to do what pleases him, and he gives you the power to do it.

# What are some important principles & means in finding God's will?



**God will leads us through his will  
by the following means.**



# What is our Responsibility?

- **Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.**  
- Philippians 2: 12
- **Do everything without grumbling** - Philippians 2: 14



# God's Will is to Live a Christ Centered Life

## Important

- Live life Which pleases God and it will be done through obeying his teaching.
- Prepare a checklist on verses of God's will and work on those areas which is challenging for you.
- Daily check your action for living godly life.
- Keep yourselves busy doing something to avoid temptation, coz God wants you to live holy.
- Your faith, trust & believe in Christ will help you to reach your goal so keep on nourishing it & growing it.

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