

ESSENTIALS TO DETERMINING THE WILL OF GOD - Part I

Reference: **Miscellaneous Scripture**

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Dr. George W. Truett pastored Dallas First Baptist Church for almost a half century. He once summarized the essence of the Christian experience in this statement *“To know the will of God is the greatest _____ and then to do the will of God is the greatest _____.”*

The problem is before someone can do the will of God he must first know the will of God.

Definition: God’s **determinative will** is that which He has _____ will occur.

God has a predetermined plan for us. This plan represents God’s absolute will. It is inflexible, unalterable and unchangeable.

Definition: God’s **desired will** is that which God _____ to occur.

God desired will calls for our human response and that leaves room for His desired will not to be fulfilled in us.

God’s Determinative Will	God’s Desired Will
It is _____.	It calls for our _____.
It will _____.	It might or might not _____.
It cannot be _____.	It can be and often is _____.
Emphasis: God is _____.	Emphasis: Man is _____.
Purpose: to _____	Purpose: to _____

Our focus is on **God’s desired will** meaning that part of His will that is communicated to us through Scripture that we decide to do or not to do. This is what God desires that is applicable to all people.

God’s desired will **number one** is that we receive _____.
References: **I John 2:17; John 6:38, 40** and **II Peter 3:9** (see screen)

God’s desired will **number two** is that we are _____.

Reference: **Ephesians 5:17-18** (see screen)

Definition: In a practical sense **to be filled with the Spirit** means to allow Jesus who is in us in the form of the Holy Spirit to sit in the driver’s seat of our life and be in _____.

God’s desired will **number three** is that we are to _____ in doing right.

Reference: **I Peter 2:13-15** (see screen)

God’s desired will **number four** is that we are to be _____.
Reference: **I Thessalonians 4:3-5** (see screen)

God’s desired will **number five** is that we are to _____ thank you.
Reference: **I Thessalonians 5:18** (see screen)