

Title: Discerning God's will
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I John 5:14 ESV

¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

Six requirements:

1: Liberty

- From captivity.

II Timothy 2:26 NIV

²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

- The power of specific repentance.

2: Mentality

- Renounce conformity.

Romans 12:2 ESV

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.

Matthew 22:29 AMP

²⁹ But Jesus replied to them, You are wrong because you know neither the Scriptures nor God's power.

- Choose growth through renewing and testing.
- A transformed mental spirit:

Ephesians 4:23 NASB

²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

3: Maturity

- Through the cross.

I Peter 4:1-2

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

- Sacrifice & suffering.
- A passion for the lost.

Matthew 18:14

¹⁴ Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

John 6:39-40 ESV

³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

4: Morality

- Pursue purity of heart.

I Thessalonians 4:3

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

Matthew 5:8

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

5: Attitude of gratitude

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NASB

¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

6: Holy Spirit guidance

Psalms 143:10

¹⁰ Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

John 16:13-15

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.