

of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”

I Peter 1:7 “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

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**FOUNDATIONS
OF MY FAITH
SERIES**

**LESSON 12:
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What is the Will of God?

1. That we should be saved and soul-conscious.
2 Peter 3:9 *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*
2. That we should be sanctified and set apart for service.
I Thessalonians 4:3 *"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification..."*
3. That we should live a holy and separated life unto God.
Romans 12:1-2 *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*
4. That we should submit to our Biblical authorities.
I Peter 2:13 *"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;"*
5. That we should be satisfied with and grateful for everything God has given us.
I Thessalonians 5:18 *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

What is God's plan for every person?

1. God has a customized plan for each of our lives. He formed us, set us apart, and has appointed us for a specific purpose.
Jeremiah 1:5 *"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."*
2. God's plan for each of us involves all of the major events of our lives.
Psalm 139:13-14 *"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."*
3. The way we can know the plan of God is to obey the will of God.
Jeremiah 29:11-13 *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."*

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Psalm 37:4 *"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."*

Why does God not reveal His entire plan to us all at once?

Psalm 37:23 *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."*

Exodus 13:18 *"But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt."*

Exodus 13:21-22 *"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."*

1. Spiritually, we may not be ready.
2. His plan for us may seem overwhelming.
3. God wants us to trust Him for direction day by day.
4. We must wait on the Lord for His perfect timing.

What are the challenges and benefits of being in the will of God?

1. God's plan can be difficult at times.
 - A. God will allow suffering to perfect us.
I Peter 2:21 *"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:"*
 - B. Difficult times teach us valuable lessons.
James 1:2-4 *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that they trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."*
2. Obedience to God's will is rewarding.
I Timothy 4:8 *"...but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise"*