GOD’S WILL

God’s Revealed Will

***Finding God’s will: don’t try this at home…***

* ***Bible roulette – using Scripture contrary to context***
* ***Goosebumps – inner feelings or impressions***
* ***Oops – coincidence must be God’s will***
* ***Que sera, sera – sit back and take what comes***

*The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.* ***(Deut. 29:29)***

* ***God’s providential will: we know after the fact –*** *“The secret things belong to the LORD…”*
* ***God’s revealed will:******we know before we act –*** *“…that we may follow all the words of this law.”*

***The Bible: God’s guide book for a great life on the boat…***

* ***Examples to follow –*** *“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”* ***(John 13:15)***

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.* ***(1 Cor. 11:1)***

* ***Principles to guide –*** *“Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.”*  ***(Psalm 119:35)***

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* ***(James 1:22)***

* ***Boundaries to protect –*** *“Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”* ***(Eph. 5:17-18)***
* ***Goals to pursue –*** *“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified…”* ***(1 Thes. 4:3)***

*If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.* ***(James 2:8)***

* ***A mission to achieve –*** *“…go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* ***(Matt. 28:19-20)***
* ***A love to cultivate –*** *“Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.”* ***(Eph. 6:24)***

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way…* ***(Col. 1:9-10)***