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# **God's Will is for...**

- **All who believe in Jesus Christ to have eternal life – John 6:40**
- **You to be holy – 1 Thess 4:3**
- **You to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength – Luke 10:27**
- **You to obey all His commandments, decrees, laws – Deut 6:17**

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When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.



# 1 Corinthians 2:14

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.



# **1 Corinthians 2:15**

**Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.**



# **1 Corinthians 2:16**

**For, “Who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?”**

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# Principle #3

**When you choose to follow and obey God's universal will (as it is revealed in Scripture), you will consistently find yourself in the middle of His will for your life.**



# Principle #4

**God's universal will serves as guardrails for our lives that will keep us safe and aligned with His final destination, as well as keeping us continuously positioned to receive all the fruitful, blessed stops on the way.**

# Principle #5

**God will personally invest in you,  
specifically lead you,  
and open doors unique to you  
as you consistently delight, trust,  
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and to following and obeying  
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# Principle #6

**If you are consistently and genuinely delighting, trusting, and committing to the Lord and all His ways, if He does not reveal a specific or unique will after much asking and much listening, you are free to choose what you want.**

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