

GOD'S WILL VS. MY WILLFULNESS

Over the years I have counseled many who were struggling with knowing and doing the will of God. I have come to the conclusion that the problem for many Christians, who are hesitant to obey God's will for their lives, is not that they do not know what God desires of them, but that they are not willing to do what they already know they should do. It is a matter of God's will vs. their will. It is a conflict of wills.

With such individuals there seems to be the thought that God must have an alternative plan, a plan "B" that might be more favorable to their desires or that fits better into their life's agenda. Perhaps God will give them an optional opportunity; maybe they can negotiate with God. This is an increasingly prevalent attitude toward God by those who profess to be following the "Shepherd of their souls" (1 Peter 2:25).

Perhaps the following will help someone who is hesitating between doing their own will and doing the will of God for their lives:

"The will of God will never take you,
Where the grace of God cannot keep you,
Where the arms of God cannot support you,
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs,
Where the power of God cannot endow you.

The will of God will never take you,
Where the spirit of God cannot work through you,
Where the wisdom of God cannot teach you,
Where the army of God cannot protect you,
Where the hands of God cannot mold you.

The will of God will never take you,
Where the love of God cannot enfold you,
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you,
Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears,
Where the authority of God cannot overrule for you.

The will of God will never take you,
Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears,
Where the Word of God cannot feed you,
Where the miracles of God cannot be done for you,
Where the omnipresence of God cannot find you."

Anonymous

The supreme question for each of us, when we are faced with knowing and doing the will of God, is not whether we possess sufficient strength, qualification, ability or expertise – but is this the will of God for me? And if it is then let us bend our wills to His will and do it! Otherwise, He has ways of making us willing to do His will and none of them are pleasant experiences.

If we are in the will of God, doing the will of God, there is no safer place in all the universe to be. There is no further cause for anxiety or hesitation. Let us be willing to be willing to do the will of God.

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