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...making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:9-11

1. The Preceptive or Spiritual will of God**a. Moral aspect**

Shall we go on sinning that grace may abound? By no means! We died to sin...how can we live in it any longer? Romans 6:1-2

Any one who knows the good he ought to do and does not do it, sins. James 4:17

b. Growth aspect

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. Hosea 6:3

Live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. 1 Peter 4:2

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. Romans 12:2

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2. The Decretive or Sovereign will of God

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Psalm 139:16

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

3. The Personal will of God

a. Eliminate distractions – Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

b. Give your whole heart to God – Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

c. Trust Him – Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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e. Listen for God’s voice – Isaiah 30:21

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

f. Be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit – Acts 20:22-24

And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by[a] the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

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