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A.TEXT ROMANS 12:1-2 *“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect”.*

Having considered extensively both, “***the Permissive Will of God***” and the “***Perfect Will of God***”, we are set to explore how to get into God’s perfect will and to prove that we are in the ***Perfect Will of God*** for everything we do. The Perfect Will of God has all the three indicators of “**goodness**”, “**acceptability**” and “**perfection**” as mentioned last Saturday.

Walking into the perfect will of God in all things begins from the point of voluntary sacrifice. There is no short-cut. To sacrifice simply means to put something to death in order to save the other. Jesus Christ had to die on the cross so that you may have a relationship with God now, and in future, eternal life. Similarly, our God-given free Will must die first if God’s Perfect Will for us is to thrive. **2 Corinthians 5:15** “... ***and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf***”.

God will not forcefully kill your free will. It is up to you to walk with it to the altar, slaughter it and leave it there. That makes a difference

between a religious person and the one having a living relationship with Christ Jesus. It is not the amount of prayer, fasting, and good works that defines a saint destined for eternal glory, but a life placed on the Altar of God. Religion is an expert in prayer, fasting and good works and is meaningless before God unless it is accompanying sacrificed life.

A clear picture of what I mean took place in the garden of Gethsemane below the Mount of Olives, east of the giant Temple.

Mathew 26:36-45 "Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?"

"Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot * pass away unless * I drink it, Your will be done."

Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners

Jesus was slaughtering and sacrificing His personal human will to the point of death. There was serious conflict between human and divine nature in Christ at that point. This was a critical point for salvation of humanity. This is second time He could have evaded the Cross and got a share of leadership. The devil had offered to Him an easy way

out. It was a short-cut **Luke 4:5-8** *“And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. “Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”*

The devil was trounced. Jesus’ main purpose of coming was to save mankind by being a ransom and establish a kingdom, but not of the pattern of this world, not at all though the courtesy and the generosity of the devil. Jesus is soon coming to rule the whole world but the devil will be out of the scene; the devil and his team of demons will be languishing in jail.

Jesus’ companions were completely carnal-minded men who could not even wait upon God for a few minutes. They were there for temporal benefits of this world. They knew that the Kingdom was coming for them to reap its benefits. They were so simplistic, fleshly and terribly blind about the cost to be paid. They were so blind to an extent of attempting to counsel Christ by suggesting amendments in the scripture; **Mathew 26:33-35** *“But Peter said to Him, “Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” All the disciples said the same thing too.*

THERE ARE THREE STAGES TO GOD’S PERFECT WILL:

1.The Preliminary Stage: This stage when one seeks God earnestly for His Perfect Will. Prayer must be streamlined to fit the perfect will of God. **1 John 5:14.** *“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us”.*

Terms and condition must apply, which involve interpersonal relationship as stipulated clearly in scripture by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. **Mathew 5:23** *“Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has*

something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering” and, “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.”
Mark 11:25.

Isaiah says the same thing for those who fast and pray. Fasting is excellent way of humbling ourselves before the Lord God, but even fasting is governed by interpersonal relations ***Isaiah 58:1-10***. A breach in interpersonal relations directly and immediately affects our relationship with God. Apostle John put it very clearly, ***“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen . 1 John 4:20.***

The Apostle Peter and Prophet Malachi were specific on marital ***relationship***. ***“You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered” Malachi 2:13-16.***

Isaiah, Malachi, John, Peter and The Lord Jesus Christ said the same thing implying that the Bible is authored by one person, and the Person is God the Holy Spirit. No one can operate against the written word, ***Logos***, and think they can go far.

2. Transformation in our will and desire: God orientates your will, desires and attitudes with His. This internal change is the working of the Holy Spirit in willing lives. God’s answer many times comes in the form of a strong, but gentle desire and willingness for something.

Philippians 2:13, for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. That desire, though gentle, cannot be ignored. And if an attempt is made to ignore it, it switches off your peace.

Jeremiah put it graphically as fire burning in his bones,” ***Jeremiah 20:8-9 For each time I speak, I cry aloud; I proclaim violence and***

***destruction, Because for me the word of the LORD has resulted
In reproach and derision all day long.***

***But if I say, "I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His
name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up
in my bones; And I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot
endure it.***

Isaiah said that if you try to meander away from it, you will always hear a restraining voice, saying get back to truth. ***Isaiah 30:21, "Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.***

I am reminded of a story of a single, God-loving and faithful girl who came to me for counseling many years ago. Her problem was that she lost peace immediately she consented to a marriage proposal to a brother who she had known and trusted. There was really nothing outstanding against the brother. He had good looks, education, a functional faith and a leader in his church. He was a handsome, gentle and responsible. She had already developed strong feelings for him. However, immediately, when she okayed his proposal of marriage, she lost peace and the joy of salvation.

I told her to reverse the decision and see what followed.

She did that. She walked to him and said, "I am sorry brother; we are not moving forward with this relationship any further". "I just need to ascertain the perfect will of God about this first," She told him. "This could take a considerable amount of time and you may not be that patient, and above all there is no guaranteed that we are designed for each other" she added.

The brother got someone else immediately and they got married. The new couple moved along quite well till the marriage was cut short by road accident, hardly seven years down the road. She was still single when the tragedy struck leaving his young widow with 2 young boys and a toddler. She understood that God was saving her from widowhood at a young age. She was saved because she was sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

There is no need for spectacular signs to prove the perfect will of God. Many expect big things to happen such as angelic visitation, a big vision, prophetic word from a man of God to demonstrate the perfect will of God. Some use **'fleece'** prayer like Gideon in the Bible. How Gideon responded to the call of God to save Israel was a sign of unbelief and mistrust of God. Above all things, Gideon did not have the Holy Spirit the way Christian believers of today have.

Fleece prayer uses the same principle as the principles the devil uses to govern the world. Things like, "if it is your will, let this and that happen" is vulnerable. If I am on my way to do something, it is not right for me to set a condition for God to confirm His will to me by the first things I meet on the way, such as a woman, a dog etc. This is wrong, and must not be encouraged. Such a person is vulnerable to deception by Satan.

3. The Combination factor (The Three lights theory): During the days of old, a ship was ushered safely to the harbor by the help of three lights planted on land. For a ship to find a groove of deep water prepared for it to anchor, the pilot uses three light pillars planted on a straight line on land. As a pilot approaches the harbor from a vast body of water, a pilot sets his position in such a way that he can only see one pillar of light instead of three different ones.

Similarly, there are three lights that indicate that one is on a straight course to God's perfect will. One light is insufficient to prove; one needs at least a minimum of two or wait until all the three fall in line before acting. This is different from the **"fleece"** prayer.

- (a) **Light 1 is the "inner peace"**. The devil has no peace to give, so it is very difficult for him to counterfeit the inner tranquil. However, happiness resides in the soulish realm of man and could easily be mistaken for peace. For example, the soul of a Christian may exhilarate because he or she has made an unexpected amount of money probably through a fraudulent deal. Or his or her date with an unbeliever is moving forward smoothly. Such false inner comfort is not from God because it contradicts Scripture which clearly teaches against yoking with unbeliever **2Corinthians 6:14-17**
"Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for

what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; and I will welcome you

- (b) **Light 2. The word of God.** The word of God can come in any form including the small still inward voice, revelation knowledge, counsel, prophecy, a dream etc. The personal word that comes is "**Rhema**" in Greek. In whatever way Rhema comes, it is subject to be tested by "**Logos**" another Greek word for the said word of God. Scripture is logos.

Special Caution: Never base a decision on a dream alone. A dream is the most inaccurate way of telling direction, yet unfortunately, this is where the biggest lot of Christians lies. The devil and human mind can manipulate the dream. Prophecy is not for giving direction, but to comfort, or maybe to confirm. Do not panic whenever a prophet speaks, but judge it. Is not a sin to question prophecy or counsel from anyone "**Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.**

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world 1John 4:1-3

For counselors, your safety lies in their great number and variety. It is not a sin to move from one counselor to another. In fact that is what is recommended. Do not allow one person to run your life and mislead

you. Compare notes. If the counselor gets upset because you have contacted another counselor, then he or she is not mature Christian“ ***Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory Proverbs 11:14.***

c. Light 3. Circumstances: God uses circumstances to deal with us. If that thing is from God, there is not enough man power in both Hell and on earth combined that can stop it. If the door closes in front of you, rejoice knowing that it is for your good “***And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose Romans 8: 28.***

Yes, the devil will always try to close doors and has done it even to apostle Paul, but one thing we have to know is that the devil has to get clearance from Heaven before doing anything to the saint of God.

And if he is allowed, his weapons are regulated within the saint's combat range, so that the saint has the capacity of knocking him down “***No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry 1 Corinthians 10:13-14***

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