

If You Really Want to Know
John 7:14-18, Psalm 119:33-40
July 22, 2018

1 God's Word is for those who _____ to do God's will.
John 7:17 ***If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.***
Psalm 119:34 ***Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.***

2 Willing God's will can feel _____.
Matthew 28:39, 42, 44 ***And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ... 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ...44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.***

3 God's will is _____, _____ and _____.
Romans 12:2 ***Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*** (NIV)
Psalm 119:68 ***You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.***
Psalm 119:72 ***The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.***
Psalm 119:127 ***Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold.***
Jeremiah 29:11 ***For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

4 God's will is _____ on _____.
Matthew 6:10 ***Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

5 God works _____ to will and do His will.
Philippians 2:12-13 ***Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.***

6 God works in _____ to will and do His will.

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- We get it backwards

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- The Psalmists will was to do God's will.
- Keep praying Psalm 119.

2 Willing God's will can feel hard.

- Eating badly Monday night – Ice cream, leftovers, bread and peanut butter x2.

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- So our subconscious inclination is to avoid God's will! Look what happened to Jesus!

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