



“Knowing God’s Will”

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I. **Matthew 8:1-3**

A. If You Are Willing...

1. Most people understand the ability of God (that nothing is impossible to Him).
2. Few people understand His willingness (I know that God can, but WILL He?)
 - And one of the greatest phrases in the church was born through this lack of understanding: *“Well, it must not have been the will of God!”*
 - The bottom line: We should know the will of God, pray the will of God, and Receive the Will of God! (Circumstances do not explain God’s Will).

B. Jesus settled something forever in His statement...

1. *“I am willing...be healed!”*
2. A follower of God never has the right to say, “Lord IF it be thy will...”
 - **Mark 9:22-23** *“You say to Me, ‘If you can?’ There are no if’s with God; All things are possible to him that believes.”*
 - Before you can receive from His Will, you must know what is in it!

II. The Answer is Always Yes

A. **1 John 5:14-15**

1. How do I know what’s in His Will? Answer: Find it in His Word (By what is Written and by people in the Bible who received!)
2. **Romans 12:1-2** – Prove the will of God...It’s good...It’s Acceptable...It’s Perfect!
3. **John 14:13-14** *“If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it.” (Jesus expected the listeners to know the will of God when they asked/this is implied...you cannot ask God to hurt someone, make someone sick, or pray for another person’s mate to divorce so you can marry him/her!)*
4. **John 16:24** *“Ask and you shall receive...”*
5. **Matthew 7:7-11** (Good things....ONLY to those who ask) (Another famous devilish phrase: “God doesn’t always give us what we want, but He makes sure to give us what we need.” – Really???)

B. Why did I not receive?

1. You didn’t believe...
2. How many have prayed to win the lottery? – Did you really believe? If so, wouldn’t you only buy one ticket? Go utilize your money where you can see it grow by faith, not by chance!
3. **Know the Will of God...Pray the Will of God...Receive the Will of God!**