

## UNDERSTANDING AND DISCOVERING THE WILL OF GOD

James 4:13-17

May 2, 2021

I. \_\_\_\_\_ God's will. – v. 13-14, 16

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life. – v. 13

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life. – v. 14

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life. – v. 14

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life. – v. 16

II. \_\_\_\_\_ God's will. – v. 17

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The sermon laid out 4 steps to obeying the will of God. How does this process differ from how you usually make plans and decisions for your life? Where in the process do you most struggle to obey God's will when it conflicts with your own will? What qualities do you need to better cultivate in your heart to obey the will of God instead of your own will and desires?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

What major decisions or plans are you making in your life right now? What steps do you need to take to pursue God's will in this situation and not just your own will? What is your next step of action to obey God's will for your life?

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III. \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God. — v. 15

1. \_\_\_\_\_ His will. — Acts 22:14

2. \_\_\_\_\_ His will. — Ephesians 5:17

3. \_\_\_\_\_ His will. — Romans 12:2

4. \_\_\_\_\_ His will. — Ephesians 6:6

#### **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$5,904.00

This Month: \$25,261.00

Last Month: \$42,587.00

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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### **1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE**

Read James 4:13-15. What point is James making in these verses about our plans for our lives? How does he exhort us to think about planning and our lives differently? How does this relate to Proverbs 16:9 and 19:21?

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Read James 4:15-17. Planning is commended in Scripture but when does our planning become sinful? What can we do to ensure our plans are from the Lord and not just ourselves? (See also: Acts 22:14, Eph. 5:17, Rom. 12:2, Eph. 6:6)

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### **2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE**

When have you made or followed plans that in the end were clearly not aligned with the Lord's will? What led you to make or follow those plans? How can we balance responsible planning in our lives with being submissive to God's will? How do you need to change the way you plan in life to better align with these Scriptures?

