

# REACH OUT AND TOUCH PRISON MINISTRY

## BIBLE STUDY - LESSON #5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

- 1) The Apostle Paul became a murderer because he did not know the will of God for his life. How has **not** knowing the will of God for you affected your life?

---

---

---

---

---

---

- 2) **Where** was Paul when he met Jesus for the first time and **what** was he doing? Acts 9:1-5.

---

---

---

- 3) What was the **second** question Paul asked Jesus? What was Jesus' **answer** to him? Acts 9:6 \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

- 4) What was the **first** thing Paul did after he had that conversation with Jesus? Acts 9:9? \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

5) What did Ananias say to Paul when he came to him? Acts 9:17

That he may receive his sight and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6) Even though Paul began to preach right away, how did the people and the other Disciples feel about him? Acts 9:20, 21, 26. Explain in your own words.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7) What was Paul's testimony after he came to the end of his life? 2 Timothy 4:7

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8) Read John 4:23-34. What did Jesus say about Himself concerning the purpose and plan that God had for His life: **(verse 34)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9) How can you find out what the will of God is for your life? Romans 12:1, 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10) Read Jeremiah 29:11. What does God say about the plans He has for you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any questions or struggles that you have that you would like to share with us to pray for you? Whatever is shared with us will be kept in strict confidence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND RETURN IN THE ENVELOPE ATTACHED OR MAIL TO:**  
**REACH OUT AND TOUCH PRISON MINISTRY, P.O. Box 120249, ST. ALBANS, NY 11412**

# REACH OUT AND TOUCH PRISON MINISTRY

## BIBLE STUDY - LESSON #5

### THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

The will of God must be done by Christians if they are genuine Christians, but for this to occur two things are required. First, it must be taught and understood. Paul, for one, was chosen by God to know God's will (Acts 22:14). He also endeavored to make all of God's will (counsel) known, both theology and Christian ethics (Acts 20:27). His prayer for believers was that they "be filled with a knowledge of God's will" (Col 1:9; 4:12). And he admonished foolish believers to make gaining an understanding of God's will their chief aim (Eph 5:17).

### **Our Will**

- THE MENTAL FACULTY (We have the ability to choose with our Minds.)
  - GOD ALLOWS US TO HAVE FREEDOM OF WILL  
Genesis 4:6-10; Deuteronomy 5:29; 1 Kings 20:42; Isaiah 1:18-20;  
43:26; Jeremiah 36:3,7; John 7:17
  - BLESSINGS ACCORDING TO OBEDIENCE
  - CHOICE

### **God's Will**

- THE WILL OF GOD IS MAN'S GREATEST DUTY (It Is Why We Were Created)  
Matthew 6:10; 12:50; 26:39,42; Mark 3:35; 14:36; Luke 11:2; 22:42;  
John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38-40; Acts 18:21; Romans 12:2; 15:32; 1 Corinthians  
4:19; 16:7; Hebrews 6:3

### **Self-will**

- Forbidden  
2 Chronicles 30:8; Psalms 75:5
- Proceeds from
  - Unbelief  
2 Kings 17:14

(Over)

- Pride  
Nehemiah 9:16,29
- An evil heart  
Jeremiah 7:24
- God knows  
Isaiah 48:4
- Exhibited in
  - Refusing to listen to God  
Proverbs 1:24
  - Refusing to listen to the messengers of God  
1 Samuel 8:19; Jeremiah 44:16; Zechariah 7:11
  - Refusing to walk in the ways of God  
Nehemiah 9:17; Isaiah 42:24; Psalms 78:10
  - Refusing to listen to (obey) parents  
Deuteronomy 21:18,19
  - Refusing to receive correction  
Deuteronomy 21:18; Jeremiah 5:3; 7:28
  - Rebelling against God  
Deuteronomy 31:27; Psalms 78:8
  - Resisting the Holy Spirit  
Acts 7:51
  - Walking in the counsels of an evil heart  
Jeremiah 7:24; 23:17
  - Hardening the neck  
Nehemiah 9:16
  - Hardening the heart  
2 Chronicles 36:13
  - Going backward and not forward  
Jeremiah 7:24