

IF THE LORD WILL

James 4:13-17

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→The question I have been asked most often than any other is . . .

→THE BIG IDEA: a person with a genuine living faith knows and does the will of God

→ James identifies three ways that his readers (and us!) can respond to God's will:

1. We can choose to I_____ God's Will (James 4:13-14, 16)

→Why is it foolish to do this?

A. The complexity of life (v. 13).

B. The uncertainty of life (v. 14 a)

C. The brevity of life (v. 14 b)

2. We can choose to D_____ God's Will (James 4:17)

→Why would you do this?

A. Because of P_____

B. Because of I_____

C. Because of failing to consider C_____

D. Because of forgetting future R_____

3. We can choose to O_____ God's will (James 4:15)

A. Know it

B. Understand it

C. Do it

SO WHAT? NOW WHAT? TAKING IT HOME!!

1. Do you know the will God for you?

He has told us that His will is for us to be:

- saved (1 Tim 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)
- Spirit-filled (Eph 5:17-18)
- sanctified (1 Thess 4:3-8)
- submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15)
- suffering (1 Peter 3:17).

2. Do you include God in your plans and decision making process? How?

3. Can you say with Jesus today, "Not my will, but thine, be done"?

A photograph of a wooden pier extending into a foggy sea. The pier is made of weathered wooden planks and has a simple wooden railing. The fog is thick and white, obscuring the horizon and the sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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1. We can choose to **IGNORE** God's Will

(4:13-14, 16)

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three ways that we can respond to God's will

1. We can choose to IGNORE God's Will

2. We can choose to DENY God's Will- 4:17

→ Why would you do this?

A. Because of PRIDE

B. Because of IGNORANCE

C. Because of failing to consider
CHASTENING

D. Because of forgetting future
REWARDS



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Do you know God's will for you?



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A photograph of a long wooden pier extending into a body of water. The scene is shrouded in a thick, yellowish fog or mist, creating a sense of mystery and uncertainty. The pier has a simple wooden railing. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

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