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## **Consecration Unto The Will Of God (Part 2) Minister R. Thomas Lambur**

*Roman 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

### **Not Three Wills – Only One Revealed Will Of God**

We are dealing with the “Will” in this article study lesson. What we are going to show you is that every Christian which names the Name of Christ as their Lord and Savior needs to seek out and to know God’s divine will for their life. First here there is a misunderstanding to be corrected which has been preached and taught as Scriptural in the body of Christ the church when it comes to understanding this passage of Scripture (Rom. 12:1-2). From the perspective of some they would teach that this verse contains three different levels of God’s divine will being subdivided into the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. Thus from their perspective when they read this passage they say it means that God has three levels or that God approves and gives liberty to three different spiritual walks, the good walk, the acceptable walk, and the perfect walk. Noting this perspective we could arrive at thinking which Christians who have received this teaching that God approves and permits 2 other levels of spirituality (the good and the acceptable) which is to say that these two levels are completely permissible and supported by God. To support this these teachers hang their teaching upon one Bible passage which is Matthew 19:3-8.

*Matt. 19:3-8 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*

Here these teachers point out that God permitted for Moses to write a bill of divorcement putting away their spouse. Now from these teacher’s perspectives they would teach us that this passage supports the *three levels of God’s will* in their

teaching. In contrast I do not believe this interpretation of the passage in Romans 12:1,2 nor the passage in Matthew 19:3-8 supports the Lord's Scriptural teaching *but is a twist upon these passages*. What has been widely taught in the church at large has given many the perspective that they believe God is *with them, is pleased, and is supporting them in their current spiritual state* because to them they are just living their lives out of what they have been taught which is *that they can chose to live at any level that they please with God's approval*. This is a *faulty and diabolical* perspective which has given credence to all kinds of backslidden activities inside the church... outside God's perfect divine will *while they continue to think and act as though they are actually living inside some form or level of God's will. They are not*. The true rendering of the Biblical passage in Romans 12:1,2 is the following...

*Rom 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

The true teaching of the Scripture always reveals the center which is the perfect will of God for us. When we prove something and it comes from God and His will... it follows the coarse of that which is good for us from God's perspective. From God's perspective that which is not acceptable or second best is not His divine will for us. only the devil would give us a trade for such a prize as God's divine will. When God's perfect will comes to us it doesn't come with all kinds of imperfect baggage, stuff that isn't lining up with His perfect best for your life. No, God's will is acceptable... because it cannot get any better than what comes from Him.

*James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

Because Scripture proves Scripture, James 1:17 is telling us the same as the passage in Romans 12:1,2 about *the good, acceptable, and perfect (full and complete) will of God*. Can you see that?

*Ps 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

Delighting is a key in receiving God's best in your life. Our desire become His desires which we come to understand for us is the best thing that every happened to us. Having our desire conformable to His aligns us to His perfect will so He can bring it to pass in our lives.

Our minds are to become renewable, to be conformed, to be transformed... so that by perspective we will be able to spiritual discern of current position and walk, that we might be able to PROVE His will in OUR lives... discovering *His good, His acceptable and His perfect* divine will for us! We are responsible first to submit to God and His Word the truth (His perspective and reality) . We are responsible to

search diligently God through His Word and Spirit through prayer to confirm our direction and steps in life.

*Rom. 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

God has made provision when we have become Christians to receive His divine perfect will by sending His Spirit to help us, so that we may be taught of Him, led of Him, and even in our not knowing how to pray... He has send the Holy Spirit to help us to pray God's divine will into our lives.

### **Importance Of Obedience To His Divine Will As Christians**

*Rom. 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name...*

Paul the Apostle says that we have received grace... *for obedience to the faith.* Grace is given... obedience isn't an option. What excuse could possible stand up when He has supplied His grace so we can find His perfect divine will and obey it?

*Matt 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

He is comparing the Father's divine will with their personal lives. Their exploits in doing all these things is not Jesus' criteria! Jesus here is only concerned by whether or not a person is walking in the divine will of God for their life. If we are to continue summiting to teaching which says that there is 2 other levels of spirituality and acceptability with God without seeking God's divine perfect will, then their teaching will lends itself to the personal notion that there is something God blesses *outside His perfect will.* Those who have accepted this notion live their lives with the desire to live *right there*, in a position comfortable *to what they want and not to what God wants.*

Now let's go back and review the passage again in Matthew 19:3-8. Jesus here is pointing out *not* that the Father *permitted* and *approved* this conduct of divorce... *Jesus speaks back to the origin of God's divine will...* Genesis 2 verse 5 which Jesus is saying *this is the divine and perfect (full and complete) will of God.* Jesus answers them that the bill of divorcement represents in Deuteronomy... God's will which is *not permitted* but translated as "*suffering*" because *the spiritual condition* of the people possess a hardened heart!

The Bible does teach that *the will of God suffers for us* it is called *longsuffering*. The word *longsuffering* means what it says *to suffer long*. God is waiting for people to get with His divine will for their lives. The Bible gives us some insight to His longsuffering concerning His divine will. His longsuffering *has an end*, so if we are to think that we can *just live anyway we desire* and call it *His permissive will*, be prepared *to take the consequences of being outside His divine and perfect (full and complete) will!*

*1Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

In the days of Noah the longsuffering of God came to an end.

*2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

From God's perspective His longsuffering (patients) is for the sole purpose of getting you into His divine will. It is that goodness... that His will has suffered for you so patiently that you might finally get into it... which motivates Him and His patients for you.

*Ps 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

I find no support for the three level teaching of the will of God in Scripture. I only find throughout the Scripture His one will in which He desires us to live in, and His patience toward in His longsuffering for His will to be done in us. The Psalmist says here lead me into that divine will, so it is there where we should be aiming and be relentless in seeking Him for that divine perfect (full and complete) will.

### **The Sin Of Presumption**

*Prov. 19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.*

There are so many directions to which a person can be led off. The human heart without the counsel of the Lord is very misleading. Standing in our own counsel we may feel at the present time, wise, yet any of us who have lived very long have come to understand by looking back (hind sight is 20/20) at the mistakes we made in life, but at the time our decisions seems so positive and right in taking the direction we did, which ended in our error. It is here that the Bible speaks clearly so that all will hear. *The counsel of the LORD, that shall stand* (speaking of the counsel of His divine perfect will).

*Ps 19:13-14 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be*

*acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

Presumptuous sins happen to us when we rely upon our own strength, wisdom, and personal experience. For many of us who are Carnally (Fleshly) minded... we say to ourselves that our decisions are solid... yet do not practice going back to the wisdom of God's Word to see if we can find His truth on the subject matter in which we are now making our decision on. We should be asking ourselves the question, "What does God's Truth have to say to me on this subject before I take this direction?" Many are succumbed by *their own dilutions* of what the will of God is for them. We can only gain and rid ourselves of these *spiritual errors* in our lives when we have aligned ourselves with what God's Word says to our lives. *God's will is like one coin with two sides, the first side is His written Word or His general will. God will not speak with us further on a matter which He has already addressed in His written Word because it is His general will for all, and He expects all to read it and obey what is written there.* Why should the Lord speak to us about something that He has already told us about? Doesn't that make sense? The other side of the coin is His specific will. It is only those who receive *His general will* which comes from His written Word that then go onward to find *His specific will* for their lives. From Romans 12:1, 2 we derive the following... *that we are to prove His specific will for our lives!*

*Ps 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God*

We can avoid many presumptuous sins and consequences of those sins if we wait upon the Lord.

*Ex. 14:13 Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day...*

Presumptuous sins are committed by them who's feet tend to run and not wait, standing still...

### **Muttering Through Life Hit And Miss**

In Genesis 13:4 Abraham drifted outside the will of God away from the place where he first built the altar at Bethel. Abraham's feet couldn't seem to stay still. He was restless. Abraham left the place where God had appeared to him confirming the ownership of the land, where he had called upon the Name of the Lord. *Rather than wait on God for more direction Abraham kept on the move drifting south until he had drifted right out of the land of promise.* In contrast Abraham should have stood still and waiting upon God for direction, of which he did not costing his family problems in Egypt. Later we see Abraham given the promise of a son trying to help God *interfering with His divine plan.* Sarah and Abraham walk *according to their flesh* and not the Spirit and had a son from Hagar.

*Gal. 4:28-30 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it*

*is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.*

### **A Promise Outside The Timing**

*Deut. 17:14-15* When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

God had promised by His Word that Israel would have a King to rule over them. Yet in the case of the prophet Samuel Israel wanted a King too soon. After this dispute God's will again suffering... as they receive Saul as the King over Israel. God did have in His perfect will to give them a King but that was David not Saul. The Promise was true and it was His divine will but the timing was wrong.

### **The Postponement Of A Promise**

*Numb. 14:34* After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Here the generation which came out of Egypt, out of bondage had grieved the heart of God. God had promised that He would give the Promised Land to Israel. However, decided to extend His promise and fulfill it in another generation instead of those who had unbelief. God is always looking for a generation who will enter into His perfect will for them!

### **Self-Will Verses The Consecrated Will**

*Isa 14:13* For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I WILL exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north...

If you continue to follow along the rest of this passage you will find 5 "I WILL" statements. Before Lucifer there was divine harmony by submitting to the divine supreme WILL! Here we see the exaltation of SELF-WILL. All sins in the universe come out of "self-will." Jesus received 5 wounds at the Cross and says "THY WILL!"

*Mt 26:39,42* And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.  
*Heb 10:7* Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Again, looking back on the teaching of the three levels of the will of God (false

concept), Jesus being our example, *where is the three levels of the will of God for Jesus?* There isn't any... only the one divine perfect (full and complete) will of God! When we come to the Cross there is the capacity for the restoration and harmony with the divine perfect (full and complete) will for us. "I" is turned into "THY." No longer do Christians continue saying "I, I, I" but "Thy Will" BE DONE in our lives. Before we are Christians we are slaves to Satan's will. Now that we are Christians we are *slaves to God's will*. As Christians just like in those who are *not*... we have a free will to choose whether to be a slave to Satan or Christ. If we are claiming to be Christians *while living in self-will we are voluntarily being slaves of Satan*. For the "Self-Will" is *where all sinfulness abides*. The Bible calls it walking after *the flesh*. Selfishness which is *the "self-will"* will send you straight to hell even if you are claiming that you are a Christian. We as Christian become "*covenant love slaves*" to Jesus. In the Old Testament the Hebrews who were released from being slaves yet desired to remain in partnership with their former masters *were marked in their left ear pierced by a nail*, that signified and represented a covenant between them.

*Rom 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

We are to present ourselves unto the Lord *as a living sacrifice*. Doing so brings about His divine will in our lives. We have this picture of Solomon tied to a Brazen scaffold which represents *the brazen altar* of the O.T. Temple and Tabernacle, of which Solomon kneels and prays to God. From this picture of *Solomon tied to the scaffold like a sheep tied to the altar of sacrifice* we see his heart of pure dedication to become all that God desires of him. The Scripture says *we are to tie ourselves to His altar... which means blinding our two wills into one will (His will)*. This type of dedication is not something reserved for some special class of believer, but is the calling of every Christian as the passage in Romans 12:1 indicates *...which is our holy, and acceptable(toward God) spiritual worship*.

*Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

*Galathians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

The true Christian which here is those *who are fully possessed by Him through this binding of the will into one*, have crucified the flesh (the self-will). True Christians no longer live according to *their own desires*, but *live after* the divine perfect (full and complete) will of God.

### **Christians Are Followers**

Another teaching that the church has swallowed is the teaching that you can be a Christian but *not necessarily* a follower of Jesus. Again this teaching teaches that a person can live in *a place or state* where he or she *does not have to live according to*

*the divine perfect will of God. This teaching goes like this, “We can have a belief in Jesus for our salvation, but we don’t have to follow Jesus to be a Christian.” This whole concept goes crossways with the Scripture. The opposite is true...*

*2Tim. 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me (and stopped following Jesus being a Christian), having loved (lusting after) this present world, and is departed...*

**Christians By Reason Of Relationship To Jesus Christ**

First of all if we look at the three words meaning representing “Christ” we find... translated *CHRIO, CHRISTOS, and CHRISMA*. Here in these three words we find “Christ” means is the *anointed... He is the anointed Son of God (Jesus)... and that the Holy Spirit has anointed Him (MISHCHAH)*. By reason of our relationship to Christ... “*being in Christ*” and “*Christ in us*” we are called His *anointed ones* or *Christians*. Only true Christian to have His Spirit. You’re not a Christian unless you are His *follower!* (Christian=Followers and Followers=Christians)

Christians are disciples (followers) which are called His pupils or students – based upon these *conditions...*

*Lk. 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

*Lk. 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

*Rom. 8:9,14 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, (((if so))) be that the Spirit of God dwell in (dwell in fullness – in possessing) you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. ...For as many as are led by the Spirit of God (following), they are the sons of God.*

From the relationship of us being *connected with Christ...* it would be impossible for one to make a claim to be a Christian *and not be a follower* of Jesus Christ!

*Jn. 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.*

*Jn. 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me*

Make no mistake about it. If you call yourself a sheep which is a *Christian* then He identifies you as one *by your following*. If you don’t follow and you claim you are of Him, as a Christian and just not a follower *you need to examine your own spirituality better, for He doesn’t say anywhere in the New Testament that He has Christians that do not follow*. If you are a true Christian **YOU ARE CALLED TO FOLLOW**, else you be *backslidden* and away from a relationship with Him.

*Mk. 3:35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.*

How important is it to follow His will? Jesus called only those who **DO HIS WILL** His brothers and sisters.

*Lk. 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself,*

*neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.*

Here it says those who *knew the Lord's will... and didn't prepare... neither did according to HIS WILL...* will be punished for it!

I would say that Jesus is telling us that He wants us as Christians to follow HIM.

### **Following Christ – God's Will As A Teaching**

*Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world...*

So we see here that when active grace is at work, it brings about a teaching... God's WILL is translated here as a teaching. The teaching called God's divine will has come to us showing us that we should deny all ungodliness and worldly lust and live soberly (*attentive to His Spirit and Word*), righteously (*His Spirit living through us doing His will*), and godly (*Looking and Living like Jesus – Jesus living His life through us*), in this present world... (*here is the witness of God's divine will working in us called Christians before a fallen world who needs Jesus as their Savior*).

**1Thess. 4:3a For this is the will of God, even your sanctification...**

The will of God is revealed here as the washing of His Word – THE TRUTH coming into your life. Again, *the general will of God* is obtained by receiving written Word, while *the specific will of God* is obtained through the knowledge of *knowing* His general will by the written Scriptures so as to define your direction more carefully.

*2Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing* (slicing open... discerning its applications and directions) *the word of truth.*

A yielded will is necessary in finding His divine perfect will for our lives. We are told in our foundation verse for this study (Romans 12:1-2) *...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

The renewal of our minds means that we are exchanging our concepts for God's concepts... transforming us... *aligning us* toward His perfect divine will.

*1Thess. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

As we adhere to His Word *our personal desires and direction* changes into His will establishing us in His divine perfect (full and complete) will. His Word works through us to *cleanse us... preserve us... present us...whole!*

We need God's divine perfect will in our lives because anything short of that isn't wholeness. Covenant wholeness is revealed here having an effect upon us spirit, soul

and bodily.

## **Follow His Leading Into His Divine Perfect Will**

**Capacity To Be Led Of His Spirit...**

*Jn. 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

**There is a divine will from God find and follow in your life. His Spirit can take you there if you will yield to Him.**

**Guidance By His Will...**

*1Corin. 4:19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will...*

**This speaks of checking in with heaven before we act in upon a certain direction, making a certain decision about what we should do (speaking of God's specific will) Divine Order...**

*Ps 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

**We know we are following the Lord's leadings when His divine order comes to guide us in His pathway.**

*Col 3:15a And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...*

**Follow peace... (His peace)**

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**Discussion & Prayer Time:**

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