

**ALIGNING WITH THE WILL OF GOD – 4**  
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**REVIEW:**

- Be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.
- Be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- Maintain a spirit-filled life.
- Be water baptized.
- Our sanctification.

**CONTINUE – 1 THES. 5:14-23**

There is a general revealed will of God and a specific revealed will of God. By following the general revealed will of God, we position ourselves to receive the specific revealed will of God for our lives. Paul's list is quite extensive: warn, comfort, help, be patient, don't repay evil for evil, follow, rejoice, give thanks, quench not, despise not, prove, hold fast, abstain.

- Support God's work financially (**MAL. 3:8-11**).
  - 1.) God takes our giving to support His work personally. He considers it robbery if one doesn't support His work.
  - 2.) Jesus taught much on supporting God's work. (**MT. 6:19-21**). Giving locates our heart and what we value (**LK. 16:10-13 NLT**).
  - 3.) Our giving releases God's provisions (**MAL. 3:10-11 NLT**). If we provide for God's house, He'll provide for ours.
    - A.) My testimony. My motive was my love for God.
    - B.) The widow woman and her son (**1 KGS. 17**).
    - C.) **2 KGS 4:1-7** It pays to serve and honor God.
- Follow Christ daily (**MT. 16:24-27**).
  - 1.) Deny ourselves: of living independent of God. Selfishness brought down Lucifer, angels, Adam and it will bring down anyone who believes he can live independent of God.
  - 2.) Take up our cross: means to submit our will to God. Jesus at the rock in the garden is our example (**MT. 26:38-39**).
    - A.) I didn't want to leave my family, job or home to go to Tulsa.
  - 3.) Follow me: means to change our direction, like Naaman. He got healed when he decided to follow God's instructions.
    - A.) **MT. 4:19** Fill in the blank: "I will make you \_\_\_\_\_".
    - B.) **1 COR. 15:10** Saul the destroyer became Paul the builder when he changed directions.
    - C.) We all have a seed within that longs to germinate and reach its full potential in God. We can ignore it, or we can yield to it. The choice is ours!

**Conclusion:**

In **1 COR. 2:9-10 NLT**, God has amazing things in store for those who align themselves with God's will and complete the work He gives them to do. What adjustments must we make to better align ourselves with God's will as individuals and as a church? Are we willing to do our part so God can do His?

