

## GOD'S WILL

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God's will is a term that we are all familiar with. Unfortunately, many times it is misused and carelessly tossed around as an excuse for negative circumstances in our lives or that come about on humanity. It seems a lot easier to say "it's God's will" than to accept responsibility for our thoughts and actions.

When someone is faced with a life threatening health situation, many times that person will say, "I guess it's God's will that I go through this". Has this person thought about the fact that maybe they were not eating or exercising properly--or that they continued habits which they knew were not in alignment with living healthy lives?

Or, when someone has financial challenges, it seems easier for that person to say, "this is God's will so I can learn from this", than it is to look at their actions which, most of the time, were fiscally irresponsible. Was it really God's will for that person to suffer the consequences for their bad decisions?

Now, I'm not saying that our negative circumstances always result from our poor thoughts or actions--but, I can say, that's the case in most situations. The fact is, there are some situations in our lives that we really are not responsible for--however we choose to classify them, good or bad. Most of the time though we can trace our negative experiences back to our own actions.

God, as Jesus of Nazareth defined Him/Her/It, is Love. Jesus also looked at God as an all loving, all providing "Father". How could an "all loving, all providing parent" ever want anything "bad" for His/Her/It's children? Any of us who have children know we always want only the best for them and will do anything we can to see to it that happens! Is God not the same way with us?

God's will for all of us is health, prosperity and abundance, love, peace, joy, light and life. Nothing less! When we find our lives giving us circumstances less than these positive experiences, we can most always bet that we have made some poor choices along our ways. God's intent for all of us is to have happy, prosperous and loving lives!

Step 11 of the Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Step Program is: "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out". God's will for us is to live from an attitude of Love--love for ourselves, love for others and for love for life itself. When we live in alignment with God, or Love, the chances are really good that our lives will be harmonious and filled with all the goodness God wants for us!

God bless--

All my best--

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