

DOING GOD'S WILL – THE REQUIREMENTS.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read the text:

B. Regarding the text:

1. Cannot over emphasize the importance of doing God's will.
 - 1) Part of the "Lord's Prayer" (**Matt. 6:10**).
 - 2) Essential to going to heaven (**Matt. 7:21**).
2. There are three essentials to doing God's will.

I. ACCURATE INFORMATION.

A. All we know of God's will is what has been revealed (Deut. 29:29**).**

1. Only the Spirit can reveal the mind of God (**1 Cor. 2:9-13**)
2. The Spirit revealed the mind and will of God to certain chosen ones.
 - 1) Old Testament prophets (**2 Pet. 1:20-21**).
 - 2) New Testament apostles and prophets (**1 Cor. 2:13; 14:37**).
 - 3) The chosen one wrote it for us (**Eph. 3:3-5**).

B. All we know of God's will is now written in the Scriptures.

1. Gives us the spiritual information we need to believe, teach and practice (**2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
2. Contains the "the faith" once for all delivered (**Jude 3**).
3. It is not to be added to or taken from (**Rev. 22:18-19; 1 Cor 4:6**).

C. We must search the scriptures (Acts 17:11**).**

II. ACCURATE INTERPRETATION.

A. It is too simplistic to say, "Bible does not need interpreting, but believed."

1. Some passages require explanation (**Acts 8:30-31; 17:2-3**).
2. Some are hard to understand without explanation (**Matt. 9:16-17**).

B. No one is entitled to his "own interpretation" – expounded correctly (2 Tim. 2:15** Strong's)**

1. A given passage has only one right interpretation.
2. If there is a difference – someone or all have misinterpreted.

C. Accurate interpretation involves:

1. Determining what the writer meant, not what we can make it mean.
2. Word studies (**1 Thess. 4:15** "prevent"; "lasciviousness" **Jude 4**).
3. Contextual information (**Matt. 5:43-45**).
4. Historical background (**Matt. 9:16-17**).
5. All the Bible says on a subject. Is **John 3:16** the entire plan of salvation?

III. ACCURATE APPLICATION.

A. Some will wrest (distort) the scriptures (Heb. 5:14**).**

1. Satan tempted Jesus by misapplying scriptures (**Matt. 4:1-11**).
2. Miracles and Spiritual gifts do not apply to all Christians.

B. Most things are clearly revealed.

1. The gospel plan of salvation.
2. The New Testament church (**Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; Col. 1:18, 24**).
3. The New Testament worship (**John 4:24**).

C. If in doubt about a passage, take the safest course.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Once we have accurate information, we must accurately interpret the data, and we must then rightly apply it.

B. Pray for wisdom to "handle aright the word of truth" to do God's will.