

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV)*

## **Inside Out**

**There is a choice you are going to have to make.** What choice is that? **You are going to have to choose who you are and what you are going to do in life.** Can't I just sort of let that unfold and see who I become and what I do? **That may not seem like a choice to you. But it is a choice and a bad one at that.** Why would that be a bad choice?

**There is a force that is in the world that will continually try to conform you into its pattern.** If you allow it to shape who you are and guide what you will do, **you will not be happy with the result.** Why is that? **This world is under the control of the god of this world. Do you know who that is?** Yes, the god of this world is the devil. **That's right. Are you comfortable allowing him to shape who you are and guide what you do?** No, not at all. **That's what will happen if you do not choose to allow me to mold and shape your life.** I want you to make me into who you want me to be. I want to know you and do your will.

**Do you know how I will mold and shape your life?** I'm not exactly sure. **The devil conforms you into the world's pattern by bombarding you with its values. He is attempting to conform you from the outside in. I will transform your life from the inside out.** How does that work? **When you gave your life to me I put my Spirit inside of you. You were born again to live a new life for me.** Yes, I'm certain that you did that for me. **Did your battles against the world and its attempts to conform you end right then and there?** No, they did not. **Your battle against the world and its evil will be something that you will face every day of your life. My Spirit living in you will give you victory over the world and all its evil. This does not mean that you won't have to choose every day who you are and how you are going to live. Your choice will reaffirm your desire to know me and do my will.** I have made that choice but there is more, isn't there?

**Yes, my Spirit will be transforming your heart and mind as you flee the evil of this world and pursue me. When you resist evil and draw near to me the devil will flee from you. I will use my word to transform your mind and change your heart. I will give you a new way to think and a new way to act. You will be able to know and do my will. I will be transforming you from the inside out. Is that what you want?** Yes Lord, it is. **Is this a choice that you will make?** Yes Lord, it is.

*Lord, I will separate myself from influences that are attempting to conform me to the values, patterns and practices of this world. Use your word to transform and renew my mind so that I can know your will and your ways. Amen*

**Wisdom** *What God's Will Is*

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

NIV Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *God's Will For You*

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

NLT Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *What Is The Will Of God*

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

NRSV Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *Perfect Will Of God*

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

AMP Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *What The Will Of God Is*

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

NASB Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *What Is The Will Of God*

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ESV Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *Perfect Will Of God*

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

NKJV Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *What He Wants*

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

MSG Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *His Ways*

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.

TLB Romans 12:2

**Wisdom** *What God Wants For You*

Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

NCV Romans 12:2

# What God's Will Is

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Wisdom** – Romans 12:2

**In Context:** *Read Romans 12*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will separate myself from influences that are attempting to conform me to the values, patterns and practices of this world. Use your word to transform and renew my mind so that I can know your will and your ways. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are conforming to the world or being transformed by the renewing of your mind in opposition to each other?

What are some leading worldly values, patterns and practices that stand in opposition to God's will and ways?

Why will you never really know God's will for your life if you allow the world to conform you to its pattern?

How are you separating yourself from what will conform your mind to the patterns of this world?

**How are you allowing God's word to transform and renew your mind on a daily basis?**

**How has God's word helped you to more clearly see and resist worldly values, patterns, and practices?**

**How has God helped you to know His will as He has been transforming and renewing your mind?**

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**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Separate yourself from worldly influences and allow God's word to transform and renew your mind.

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**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will use His word to transform and renew your mind so that you can know His will and His ways.

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**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God has been transforming and renewing your mind with His word.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you allow God's word to transform and renew your mind so that you can know His will and His ways.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, use your word today to transform and renew my mind so that I can know your will and your ways.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to continue to transform and renew my mind today as I follow and serve you?*

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