







Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, 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 by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable / pleasing and perfect.



Good - Highest Quality
Pleasing - Has an Attraction to it
Perfect - Nothing to be added



4 Handles/Ways on Discovering God's will:

Prayer

Providence

Prophecy

Principle



Principle

"that takes first"

A fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour or for a chain of reasoning.

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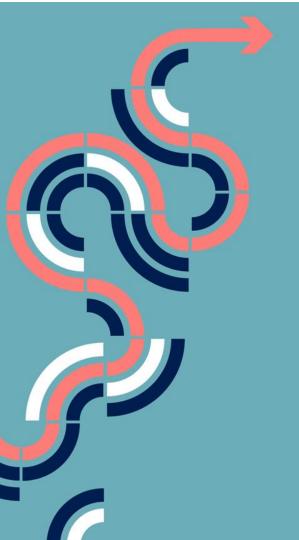
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- Devoted entirely to professing the greatness of God's Word

ABC of Friendship

Accepts you as you are Believes in you Calls you just to say hi Doesn't give up on you Envisions the whole of you Forgives your mistakes Gives unconditionally Helps you Invites you over Just likes to be with you Keeps you close at heart Loves you for who you are Makes a difference in your life Never judges you Offers support Picks you up when you are down Quiets your tears Respects you Says nice things about you Tells you the truth when you need to hear it Understands you Values you Walks beside you Xplains things you don't understand Yells when you need to listen





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Who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,

Who seek Him with all their heart.

3 They also do no unrighteousness;

They walk in His ways.

4 You have ordained Your precepts,

That we should keep them diligently.



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To keep Your statutes!

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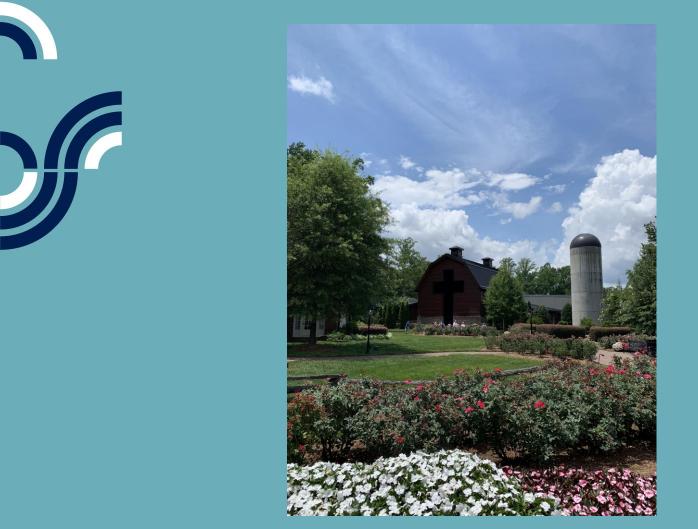
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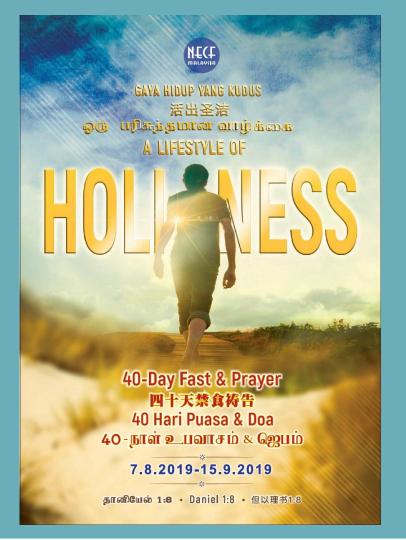
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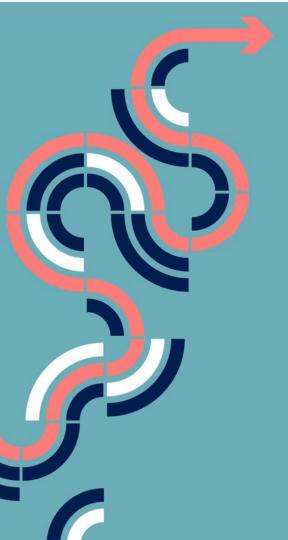


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- It is Authoritative
- It is Accessible



How often do we Access the Scripture?



How does the principle of God help us find God's will:

- It is Authoritative
- It is Accessible
- It is Alive



Longing (v.20)

My soul is consumed with longing

Weary (v. 28)

My soul is weary with sorrow

• Disgrace (v. 39)

Take away the disgrace that I dread

Horror (v.53)

Indignation grips me because of the wicked

Sorrow (v.136)

Streams of tears flow down my eyes

Anguish (v.143)

Trouble and distress have come upon me

Detest (v.163)

I hate and detest falsehood

Lost (v. 176)

I have strayed like a lost sheep



Applying the right principle to the right situation produces the right result.



God's word brings....

- Blessedness (v.2)
- Honour (v.6)
- Cleansing (v.9)
- Delight (v.24)
- Counsel (v.24)
- Answers (v.42)
- Freedom (v.45)
- Hope (v.49)
- Comfort (v.50)
- Understanding (v.104)

- Quickening (v.50)
- Songs (v.54)
- Riches (v.72)
- Wisdom (v.98)
- Sweetness (v.103)
- Guidance (v.105)
- Heritage (v.111)
- Truth (v.142)
- Peace (v.165)
- Help (v.175)



Preserves = to Revive, to Give life



Matthew 16

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
15 "But what about you?" he asked.

"Who do you say I am?"



"You are the LORD of my life."