

WHEN FREE WILL MEETS GOD'S WILL – THE BEAUTIFUL DIFFERENCE

God, in His incredible love, gave us something precious: **free will**.

The ability to choose.

The ability to decide what we do, what we say, how we act, and who we follow.

But He also gave us something even greater — **His perfect will**, a **divine roadmap** that leads to peace, protection, purpose, and holiness.

Every day we stand between two choices:

Our will... or God's will.

One is limited.

One is limitless.

One sees the moment.

One sees eternity.

Knowing the difference is not just important — **it is essential for spiritual maturity, Godly living, and a life that glorifies Jesus.**

WHAT IS FREE WILL?

Free will is the ability God gave us to make choices. It is a blessing, but it can also be dangerous if not surrendered to Him.

Free will says:

“I’ll decide what I want.”

God’s will says:

“Lord, YOUR decision is better.”

Free will is not evil. God designed it so that we could willingly love Him. Forced love is not love at all. But when free will is **not surrendered**, it can lead to confusion, fleshly decisions, and consequences we never wanted.

WHAT IS GOD'S WILL?

God's will is **His perfect plan** — a holy, wise, loving direction that always leads to life.

His will is:

- Holy
- Pure
- Protective
- Peace-filled
- Purpose-driven
- Kingdom-minded

When we pray, *"Lord, let Your will be done,"* we are inviting the King of Glory to lead us out of our limited thinking and into His abundant wisdom.

ILLUSTRATION: THE SHIRT EXAMPLE

You may choose — by free will — the **color of shirt** you want to wear. That is harmless, personal choice.

But when you surrender your free will to God's will, the Holy Spirit begins directing deeper matters:

- Modesty
- Purity
- Representing Jesus well
- Honoring Him with your appearance
- Dressing in a way that reflects humility and holiness

See the difference?
Free will chooses the color.
God's will shapes the character.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

A. Because free will without surrender leads to fleshly choices

When we choose without God's guidance, we often choose comfort, convenience, and quick fixes.

B. Because God's will protects us spiritually and emotionally

His will keeps us safe from traps we cannot see.

C. Because God's will leads to purpose, calling, and destiny

Free will may choose what feels good...

God's will chooses what **IS good**.

D. Because obedience unlocks blessing

God blesses the path that HE designed- **NOT** the one we designed on our own.

E. Because God's will produces spiritual growth

Every surrendered moment becomes a step toward transformation.

10 EXAMPLES OF FREE WILL OPPORTUNITIES

These are choices we make daily that are not sinful but simply human decisions:

1. What color shirt to wear
2. What time to wake up (is it a healthy time?)
3. What to eat for breakfast (is it healthy?)
4. What hobby to enjoy (Is it healthy?)
5. Whether to take the highway or the back roads
6. What brand of shoes to buy (Are they super expensive?)
7. Which cup of coffee to drink (Is it a lot of caffeine?)
8. What hairstyle to choose
9. What Christian book to read next (Is it truly biblical?)

10. What day to clean the house

These are neutral choices — God lets us enjoy them. But now let's go deeper...

20 EXAMPLES OF OPPORTUNITIES TO FOLLOW GOD'S WILL

These are the moments where our free will must bow to His higher wisdom:

1. Choosing to forgive instead of holding a grudge
2. Choosing purity over temptation
3. Choosing kindness when offended
4. Choosing prayer before reacting
5. Choosing to read the BIBLE daily
6. Choosing to obey even when it's uncomfortable
7. Choosing to love the unlovable
8. Choosing to walk away from gossip
9. Choosing to serve when you feel tired
10. Choosing to tithe and give generously
11. Choosing to repent when convicted
12. Choosing to hold your tongue instead of arguing
13. Choosing humility instead of pride
14. Choosing to follow the Spirit's leading instead of your emotions
15. Choosing a God-honoring relationship
16. Choosing modesty over worldly fashion
17. Choosing to worship even in battles
18. Choosing church fellowship instead of isolation
19. Choosing to wait for God's timing instead of rushing ahead
20. Choosing to surrender your plans when God gives new direction

And yes — there are countless more, because God's will covers every area that shapes your soul, your witness, and your spiritual walk.

THE BEAUTIFUL BALANCE

Free will is a *gift*.
God's will is the *guide*.
Free will allows us to make choices.
God's will teaches us to make **holy** choices.

When free will becomes surrendered will, that's when Jesus shines the brightest through your life.

A CALL TO SURRENDER

Your free will is good — but only when placed in the hands of the One **#THEONE** who created you. God's will is not meant to control you; it is meant to **complete you**.

When you wake up every morning and say...
"Lord, guide my will today..."

...you are choosing peace over pressure, purpose over confusion, and holiness over chaos.

***Let God turn your free will
INTO FOLLOWING HIS PERFECT WILL —***

And you will walk in destiny, joy, and divine direction every single day.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

11 WAYS WE ARE HAPPIER CHRISTIANS WHEN WE FOLLOW JESUS

1. We Walk in Real Peace

When we follow Jesus, we stop carrying the world on our shoulders and start resting in His. Peace replaces panic, and our hearts finally exhale.

2. We Experience Deep, Unshakeable Joy

Joy from Jesus is not based on circumstances — it's based on Him. He fills our heart with a joy the world can't steal and the enemy can't touch.

3. We Live with Purpose, Not Confusion

Jesus gives us direction, clarity, and a reason to wake up every day. Purpose brings happiness because your life finally *means* something eternal.

4. We're Not Alone Anymore

Loneliness breaks when we follow Jesus. He walks with us, talks with us, comforts us, and leads us. His presence brings a sweet happiness nothing else can offer.

5. We Have Hope in Every Situation

Even on the tough days, we smile because we know the **Author** of the outcome. Hope keeps our spirits lifted and our hearts happy. (Ps, God is the Best Author, that's why I ask for His Guidance to write biblical guide books)

6. We Grow in Love — Real Love

Jesus teaches us how to love and be loved. Healthy love brings a happy, whole heart. His love heals wounds we didn't even know were still open.

Extra- 2 beautiful scriptures that show *how Jesus teaches us to love*, using His own words and His perfect example: **John 13:34 (NKJV)** “**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**” *Jesus teaches us that love starts with His example — sacrificial, patient, pure, and unconditional. And John 15:12 (NKJV)* “**This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**” *Jesus doesn't just tell us to love — He shows us the standard. His love becomes our blueprint.*

7. We're Free From the Weight of Sin

Following Jesus means forgiveness, redemption, and freedom. A forgiven heart is a lighter, happier heart.

8. We Let Go of Worry and Trust His Plan

Happiness grows when worry goes. Jesus teaches us to trust, and trust opens the door to peace-filled living.

9. We Build Healthier Relationships

When we follow Jesus, we love better, forgive quicker, and encourage more. Strong, godly relationships add joy to every season.

10. We Experience God's Blessings and Protection

Obedience opens the door to blessings. Jesus leads us away from danger and into divine safety — and that makes life sweeter and happier.

11. We Know Our Future Is Secure

Nothing makes a Christian happier than knowing this world is not our home. We have a Savior, a purpose, and an eternal home filled with glory.

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