

THE DIRECTIVE WILL OF GOD

We have divided (Gal.5:1-26) into two sections based on the theme of Spiritual Freedom (Gal.5:1, 13).

- (Gal.5:1-12) Spiritual freedom from Slavery of legalism
- (Gal.5:13-16) Spiritual freedom from slavery of flesh

We have divided (Gal.5:13-26) into four sections for study.

- (Gal.5:13-15) Deployment (aphorme) of the Flesh
- (Gal.5:16-18) Desires (epithumia) of the Flesh
- (Gal.5:19-23) Deeds (ergon) of the Flesh
- (Gal.5:24-26) Death (stauroo) to the Flesh

There are three classifications of the Will of God in the Plan of God: Directive Will; Permissive Will; and Over-Ruling Will.

- **Directive Will** is God's revealed categories of Bible doctrine for every Church Age Believer (CAB).
- **Permissive Will** is when God allows the believer to choose against His Directive Will.
- **Over-ruling Will** supersedes all categories and classifications of God's Will in order to preserve the integrity of the Plan of God (John 6:38-40).

<p>This lesson will study four aspects of the Directive Will of God regarding Spirituality</p>

- 1. In the study on Deployment of Flesh (Gal.5:13-15), we were given an important Directive Will of God to be used in opposition to the flesh (OSN) attacking other believers.**

(Gal.5:13) "For you were called to freedom, only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love (tes agape) serve (douleuo/ p.a.impv.2pl) [command] one another."

- 2. In today's study of Desires of Flesh (Gal.5:16-18), the Directive Will of God is given to be used in opposition to the flesh carrying out the desires of the flesh.**

(Gal.5:16) "But I say, walk (peripateo/ p.a.impv.2pl) [command] by the Spirit (no def. Article/ pneuma) [instrumental of means singular feminine], and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh."

- 3. The Directive Will of God always involves three categories: Geographical Will; Mental Will; and Operational Will. In today's lesson, the Directive Will is to walk by means of Spirit (Gal.5:16).**

- **Geographical Will** (who and where)
 - The churches of south Galatia (Gal.1:1-2; Acts 13-4)
- **Mental Will** (why and how)
 - Through love serve (douleuo) [a servant's mental attitude] those believers who are biting, devouring, and consuming you (Gal.5:13-15; Rom.8:5-8; 13:14).
- **Operational Will** (what and when)

- Two present imperatives: serve (douleuo) and walk (peripateo) by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; John 7:37-39; Gal.5:16)
- “But if (1cc) [true] you are led (ago/ p.p.ind.2pl) by the Spirit (inst. of means), you are not under (huper+abl.) [of authority] the law (nomos).” (Gal.5:18)

[All three must always line-up with the directive will (Rom.12:2).]

4. This lesson is intended to impress upon you how important the Directive Will of God is to the Christian Way of Life (CWL).

Our final study point will list six reasons why the Directive Will of God is important to CWL.

1st The sovereignty of God comes to the Church Age Believer (CAB) as the directive will of God by CBD (categorical Bible doctrine)
(Eph.1:11-14)

2nd The Church Age Believer (CAB) is instructed to pray according to it and not necessarily for it.
(1 John 5:14-15)

3rd The Church Age Believer (CAB) is instructed to pray for wisdom about its application.
(James 1:2-8; 4:13-15).

4th The Church Age Believer (CAB) is instructed to pray to be filled with the knowledge and spiritual wisdom of His Will in order to ‘Walk’ to please God.
(Col.1:9-10; Eph.5:17)

5th We are instructed to do the Will of God from the heart.
(Eph.6:6; Col.4:12).

6th God will equip the spiritually advancing believer in every aspect necessary to do His Will.
(Heb.13:21).