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Finding God's Perfect Will in an Imperfect World: The Power of an Omniscient A Commentary by Jason Curry

I remember talking to a colleague about an inner struggle that he was experiencing which concerned a choice that he had to make about his career. We talked at length about several, potential career paths, until he eventually looked over at me and said: "Curry, I just want to embrace God's perfect will for my life." I affirmed his response by saying: "Yes, I agree with that plan," and then we parted ways for the day. I did not admit it at the time, but I couldn't quite remember hearing the biblical phrase "God's perfect will" prior to our conversation. I decided to research the scripture, and in a familiar passage (Romans 12:2) I found these words: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and the perfect will of God." Several years have passed since our initial conversation, and I am pleased to report that my friend and

colleague is doing well both spiritually and professionally. Through prayer, fasting, meditating on God's word, talking with other Christians who know and love the Lord, and being convicted that God was leading him in a certain direction, he was ready, able and willing to embrace God's perfect will for his life.

Human beings make mistakes; therefore, it can be said that we are imperfect. A great theologian named Reinhold Niebuhr once stated that much of the evil that exists in the world is a direct result of "man's inhumanity to man." I often provide pastoral counseling to individuals who want to blame God for the complex social, political, economic and spiritual problems that human beings have created. We serve an omniscient (all-wise, all-knowing) God who loves us. Part of the challenge of our spiritual journey is to discern God's perfect will for our lives within the imperfect

world that we have created. The challenges that we often confront in this imperfect world (unemployment, underemployment, divorce, births, deaths, incarceration,) are not necessarily bad, for they force us to seek to God's perfect will for our lives. Even when very difficult challenges occur within our lives, they present us with another opportunity to minister to others who have experienced the same challenge in order to improve their lives. Indeed, the perfect will of an all-wise God may not always be what we ordered on the menu of life. But, embracing the perfect will of an all-wise God, though accepting and following Jesus Christ, will ensure that we hunger and thirst no more (John 6:35). Jesus, is the Bread of Life, and through him we will be able to find and embrace God's perfect will.



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