

Bullseye

Part One: *why do God's will?*

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Today, we're going to begin a new message series that is built on Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:9-10.

"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:9–10, NLT)

Jesus commanded us to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is being done in Heaven because...

- **God has a plan and purpose for us, and He desires that we submit to His plan and purpose.**

Five reasons you should you do God's will:

1. God created you to do what He wants you to do!

The Bible says your life is a gift from God (Psalm 127:3). But God didn't just give you life; He gave you life for a reason (Psalm 139:13-16). God created you to accomplish something for Him (2 Timothy 2:21)!

2. Jesus died so you could do what God wants you to do.

God created you to do His will and He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for you so you could do the good things He planned for you long ago (Ephesus 2:1-3, 8-10)!

3. You will accomplish more with your life if you do what God wants you to do. Hebrews 11

4. You will have more joy and peace if you do what God wants you to do. Philippians 4:4-9

5. You will earn more rewards if you do God's will. Luke 12:43; Eph. 6:8; 1 Peter 1:17; Rev. 22:12

Three truths you need to understand about God's will:

1st - God's will for all of humanity is clearly revealed in the Bible.

2nd - God's hidden will is discovered over time.

3rd - God wants us to live in the center of His will.

God doesn't want us to live on the edge or fringe of His will. He wants us to focus on the bullseye – the center of His will! Why? Because God receives the most glory and we yield the most benefits when we live in the center of His will!

Some Personal Questions...

- *Do you want to do what God wants you to do?*
- *Are you focused on living on the edge or the center of God's will?*
- *What do you need to do to refocus your life?*