

## **The Standard in Life For Doing God's Will**

*Galatians 6:16, "And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."*

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

Now, instead of advancing on and **see what God promised**, we look back and see what some brother behind us says. **Let's don't look back, look forward, keep moving on, on. We have untapped resources.** Jesus said in *Saint Mark 11:23-24*, "*If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe **that what you have said** will come to pass, you can have what you said.*" No conditions, it's just unlimited. **"Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive them;** you shall have them," whatever, Divine healing, joy, peace, anything.

Now, you say, "Brother Branham, what if we'd ask for something --for somebody's life to be taken or some evil thing." Well, you couldn't really have Christian faith for a thing like that. **It takes a Christian spirit to ask Christian things.** To receive things from Christ. [1]

**Now you, if you say it just presumptuously, it won't happen. But if something in you, that you're anointed for the job, and will know that it's the will of God to do it, and will say it, it's got to happen.**

It was He that said this. "If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask what you will and it shall be done to you." (*John 15:7*). Oh, my! Oh, my! You see what I mean? [2]

Always remember, church; God's Words are true. **I believe the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass, if you can look at it in the right way.** But remember, here's been my standard in life. I have tried to do this. **The first thing, I want to find out whether it's the will of God or not.** Then I know it's God's will. **The next thing, is my objective to it and my motive in doing it. Then if it's the will of God, and my objective is right, and my motive is right, I have faith that it'll be done.** Because, first, it's the will of God and my objective is to glorify Him, and my motive is to please Him and to give

Him all the glory. See? So there's no selfish motives about it. **If you have a selfish motive it won't work.** If your objective is to make money for yourself or something, why, you'll never succeed. And then try to do something outside of the will of the Lord, then it won't work to begin with.

**So there is genuine faith,** but you must come into the real channel of God to have that genuine faith. **There's human faith, then there's faith of God** (*Gal. 2:20*). And you must have a godly faith to believe (*II Cor. 4:13*). Now, then to have godly faith, you must have the mind of Christ in you (*Phil. 2:5-8*). Then that's how God projects to you visions, revelations, and all these things come by the mind of Christ being in you. You get it? "Let the mind that was in Christ be in you." [1]

I was riding with a man not long ago. He said, "Think of it. We here on this earth, the way we are, and we only know or can only say that we're saved by some Jewish fable called the Bible."

I said, "Sir, I don't know how you say that, but I don't believe it's a Jewish fable," I said.

He said, "Well, you pray, what do you pray to? I asked for so-and-so and certain things; I didn't get it."

I said, "**You pray wrong. We should never pray to change God's mind; we should pray to change our mind. God's mind doesn't need any changing.**

I know a young Catholic boy, one time, has had a prayer book, saying prayers, and for his mother to live. And she died, and he threw the prayer book in the fire. Well, see, I don't go for the prayer book; **but, anyhow, see, you take the wrong attitude. You're trying to tell God what to do. Prayer should be, "Lord, change me to fit Your Word."** Not, "Change," not, "let me change Your mind.", but: "You change my mind." See? "**You change my mind to Your will. And Your will is written here in the Book.** And, Lord, don't let me go till You got my mind set just like Your mind. And then when my mind is set like Your mind, then I'll believe every Word You wrote. And You said, in there, You'd make 'everything work together for good' to them that loves You. And I love You, Lord. **It's all working together for the good.**" (*Rom. 8:28-30*).

And there was a certain person said to me, he said, "I believe you're an antichrist." I said, "**If that would be pleasing to my Lord, that's what I want to be. I want to be whatever He wants me to be. I love Him.** And

if He should cast me into hell, I still will love Him, if I go with the same spirit I have now." He looked at me kinda strange.

I seen four or five of them there, young men; young wives, fine women. I knowed how them boys loved their wives, so I said to them, "Here is the way to test it. Before you were married... and you went and talked it over with your girl friend, and said, 'You know, I dreamed that we were married, and we had children. We living happy, and waiting for the Coming of the Lord, and everything.' And then this girl would say to you, 'You know, I love another man better than I love you. I could be happier with the other man.' Could you, from your heart, love her well enough to say, 'God's blessings rest upon you, my dear. Go with this other man?'"

Now, now check that, each of you men or you women. See? Well, **if your love is correct**, you would do that, for **you are interested in her welfare**. What, you know you could have her, you can live with her, she's your wife; she will be. She'll marry you, but she won't be happy. **And then, if you love her, then you want her to be happy.**

**Therefore, whatever the will of God is, let God's will be done, whether I'm happy with it or not. I want to live so He will be pleased with what I do.** Therefore check your objective and your motive by that; you know **whether you love God or not.** [3]

But first, you see, your motives and objectives have to be right. You have to have reasons for this. God doesn't give you those things just because you ask. **And you cannot ask in faith unless there's a real objective to that, to be in the will of God.** See, **if you want to be well, what do you want to be well for?** See, if you want to be healed, what's the reason you want to be healed? What are you telling God? **What do you want to do with your life when you get healed?** See, you've got to have a motive and objective, **and they have to be right according to the will of God. And then's when the faith is revealed to you (Gal. 1:11-17), and God by His sovereign grace places that faith in there, then it's over.** See? Now see?

And it won't work, no selfish thing will work. Your motives and objectives have to be exactly, perfectly right, **then you have faith, to ask.** "If our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence." (*1 John 3:21-22*). See? See, we've got to have confidence. **"I want this to the honor and glory of God." Then faith has a channel to move into;** if it doesn't, then you got **mental, intellectual faith, and not genuine faith from God.**

That intellectual faith will get you nowhere. **Might get you emotional,** but it won't get you the healing that you're looking for. [4]

A man said to me the other day, said, "I think you're just a fine man, Mr. Branham, but I believe you're sincerely wrong. You're all out of the will. Do you know you'll be condemned at the end?"

And I said, "Look, I want to tell you something. If I am wrong, which I don't believe I am; but if I was wrong, and I knowed right now that I was going to live to be a hundred years old, and He was going to condemn me at the end of the road, and tell me, 'You don't deserve to come into My Heaven, William Branham. Get out into outer darkness.' You know what? **I would serve Him every day of my life until I went, anyhow. For I have received so much of His unmerited blessings, that He is more than life to me.** He is everything..."

All that I am, all that I ever could hope to be, I have derived from His grace and mercy. I was wretched, miserable, poor, blind; but by grace He has healed me, and I am strong and healthy, by the grace of God. I have good eyesight. I have to eat, drink, have whatever I have need of. **He never promised to supply my wants; my needs.**

And if I am cast away at that day... I cannot see where I would be. **But if I knew that I was wrong, and God has chose me to be wrong, I would want to stay wrong, and because that I want to do His will. It's, I love Him till I want His will to be done (Psalm 40:8).** Now, that's a big statement, but **I hope you get it in the way, the spirit I said it in.** See, I want to do His will (*Rom. 12:1-2*). I ask Him for something some time, He shakes His head "no," I just rejoice so much about that as I can if He said "yes." Because, we always ought to ask, **"Thy will be done."** His "noes" is just as... if that's His will, **it's a whole lot better than His "yeses", if it's His will to do it. That's when you really love Him.** Amen. [5]

But, you see, when they ask these things, and ask for this, they don't ask as Jesus said. We try to make God like an errand boy, "Lord, You do this for me! And You do this for me! And You go do that," **tell Him what to do.**

Jesus said, "When you pray, pray like this manner, 'Our Father Who Art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. **Thine will be done.**'" (*Matt. 6:9-10*). Who, find where we do that? **We're always wanting God to run errands for us, or do something for us.** But when we're willing to say, "Thy will be done," commit ourselves to Him, commit our ways to Him. **All that we are, commit it to Him. That's**

**when God will move, when you're willing to let Him work on you, not you work on Him.** [6]

"If you love the world, or the things of the world, the love of God is not even in you." (*I John 2:15-17*). See? If you still have the love of the world, want to act like the world, and do like the world... Yet, you're in the church, but a cocklebur in the patch with the wheat; shout with the rest of them, rejoice with the rest of them. All the **spiritual blessings** are right upon you. You say, "Well, I prophesy." So did Caiaphas. So did Balaam. That has nothing... (*Matt. 7:21-23*).

**"I got the baptism, the Holy Spirit."** That still has nothing to do with it. **That's just only a temporal gift for you** (*Matt. 5:45*).

**The real gift is your soul down in there, see, that was born of God, and that controls the whole thing to the Word of God and the will of God. And there you grow up,** see, then you're a son and daughter of God. You're a child of God. [7]

*How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord's will in some important matters?*

Brother Branham answered: I tell you, dear friend: **the best way to find the will of God in some important matters is prayer.** See?

Here's a wonderful little thing here, **if you have a matter that's very important. Now, here's the way I do it. I take it before the Lord. And it's always been my strength; I wait upon the Lord and see what He says. And I just let myself neutral to it,** don't take either side.

'Course now, in my case most of the time, if it's very important, **I wait on a vision. But many people God doesn't deal with in visions.** So therefore, I wouldn't advise you to do that. See? Because it's just some people that have visions and some do something else. Where you do something else that I couldn't do, maybe--in your way of serving the Lord, I do something that you couldn't do. See? **God deals with us different.**

And so I would if I was in your place and didn't have visions from before the Lord, **I would just wait upon the Lord and say, "Lord, now You show me what's the decision to make."** And then, way you feel led to do it, then wait just a little bit, **then wait a little while longer, and see which way, which side you lean towards, which way the Spirit...** Say, "Now, Father, in my heart You know it doesn't matter; **but I want to know what You want to do about it."**

That's the way I do about meetings sometime. I feel kinda led to go this way or that way, then I follow that way. That's the way to do it, 'cause it's in prayer then; **you're doing the best you can.**

And I believe this, my friends, as Paul was in the New Testament in days gone by. He was between two straits, which way he should go. And he started on the wrong road, and he got a Macedonian call (*Acts 16:6-10*). **And I believe if you are making a decision for God and do it the best that you can, I believe God will correct you** and that you don't go wrong. I believe God will do it. [8]

Notice, what harmony. Jesus never did anything **until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first:** (Harmony between God and Christ. See? *John 5:19*). **So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life (He shows Her), and she receives It.** She never doubts it.

Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. **Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name. She has THUS SAITH THE LORD.**

Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. **They do only His will.** (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. **They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is Himself in them (Col. 1:26-28), continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day.** All things when He was here--**He did not complete all when He was here,** for it was not time yet. [9]

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- [5] "The God Who Is Rich In Mercy" (65-0119), par. 184-187
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- [7] "Things That Are To Be" (65-1205), par. 111-112
- [8] "Questions & Answers" (61-1015M), COD pg. 681-682, Q-No. 163
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