




# Understanding God's Will

## Traditional understanding

God has a perfect plan for my life.  
I need to spend my time searching for it,  
so I can obey and fulfill it.

I need God to direct all my decisions  
so I don't take the wrong path.



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1. Decreed / Perfect will
2. Desired / Permissive will

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- **eternal will** – cannot be changed or thwarted
- **moral will**; ethics, commands – based on God’s character so cannot be changed
- **predestination, foreordination** – what God has decided in advance that will occur

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- Acts 2:32; 4:27-28
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-8
- Ephesians 1:4-11
- Hebrews 6:13-18
- Hebrews 2:4; 1 Corinthians 12:11



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