



Ladies of Grace
Bible Studies for Women

A Woman & Her Walk With God Series

Encouraging Women to Walk With God on the Brighter Side of Life

A Woman & Her Will

*"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good:
lead me into the land of uprightness." Psalm 143:10*

Today's study is going to be a very practical one. It is about a subject that is very familiar to us, and one in which most of us wish we could have more control over. What am I talking about? I am talking about our will. What is a woman's will? It is the part of her used to express her determination, choice, or inclination, and it is the will that reveals to others around us our pleasure and desire about things. And when we walk with God, this is the part of us that He often has the most difficulty with. Why? Because this is the part of us that keeps us from moving forward and following Him where He wants us to go.

As we begin our study today, I want you to think about your own will for a moment. What are the kinds of things that you are determined to do or not to do, no matter what anybody around you says? What are the things that you choose to do for yourself, not caring if it is good for you or not? Are you the kind of woman that is going to do her own thing and fulfill her own desire no matter what happens to anyone else in the process? Are you the kind of woman that is consumed with pleasing herself, even to the point of causing other people stress?

If so, this is going to be a very eye opening Bible study for you. Why? **Because nowhere in the Bible does God ever tell us to do anything according to our own will.** As a matter of fact, according to the life of Christ, and the example that He left for us, our whole desire is supposed to be centered around, "not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42)

In what areas of a woman's life, does the exercising of HER WILL usually surface?

Eating	Spending	Friendship
Child Rearing	Time Management	Habits
Marriage	Dress	Feelings
Work	Activities	

How can a woman tell if these areas are governed by her will, rather than God's will? She can tell by the statements that she usually uses in order to justify her behavior as she does them, which usually sound like this:

- ◆ I feel like it
- ◆ I want to do it
- ◆ I can't do it
- ◆ I don't care what God (or the Pastor) says
- ◆ It's not me
- ◆ I don't see it
- ◆ I don't feel it

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Is there any part of a woman's life that is not usually directed by her will? No, not usually, unless she is a Christian that is totally surrendered to God.

As you and I walk with God, it is His complete desire that we become women that are surrendered to His will and not a slave to our own.

So, how do we become these kind of women?

WE MUST DECIDE TO BECOME WOMEN THAT WANT TO PLEASE GOD.

Psalm 40:8 says, *"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."*

WE MUST DECIDE TO BECOME WOMEN THAT WANT TO LEARN FROM GOD. Psalm 143:10 says, *"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness."*

WE MUST DECIDE TO BECOME WOMEN THAT BELIEVE GOD'S WILL IS BEST. In Matthew 6:10, it was Jesus who taught us to pray, *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."*

I know what some of you are thinking . . . Isn't it enough that I just learn to exercise more "will power." Wouldn't that be all that God would need from me in order to walk a surrendered life with Him?

The answer is no. As a matter of fact, you and I have all the "will power" that we need, and we demonstrate it daily as we do what we want instead of doing what God wants! **What we really need is a supernatural "will connection," which will only come from God as we sacrifice our desires and inclinations on the altar of just obeying what His Word says.**

So, this is really all about obedience, isn't it? Yes it is, it is about saying "no" to your own choices and desires, and "yes" to the choices and desires that God has for you. It is about doing what He says, whether you feel like doing it or not.

Isn't it enough to just tell God that I want what He wants? No, even though I wish it was. Unfortunately, God knows us well enough to know that just because we say something with our lips doesn't really mean that we believe it in our hearts. Our obedience to His Word is the only way that He can measure whether we are truly surrendered to living according to His will or our own.

In closing, I want to share with you that the reason that God wants us to do His will, rather than our own: It is because His will is good and will lead us into the land of uprightness (Psalm 143:10). As we walk with Him, it is His whole desire for us to have good success and experience our life to its fullest. He wants our lives to be filled with good things like love, joy, and peace, and He knows that these things will only come to us when we live our lives according to the way He has planned, not according to the plans that we have orchestrated in our minds.

Walking with God can be a very wonderful and fruitful thing if we will do His will by walking in obedience according to His plan and not according to our own agenda.