

# Prayer of Consecration/Dedication

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

- Surrender
- Submission
- Suffering

Luke 22:42-44 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

## **Biggest tragedy: Christians who purposely & knowingly take themselves out of God's will.**

1. Jonah: He brought negative circumstances in His life
2. Children of Israel: died in the wilderness, never entering the promise God had for them  
*Take another lap around Mt. Sinai*
3. Prophet who lost life not listening to God's specific instructions

- You pray that God's will be done when you don't know His will
- It allows God to set your direction or make your decisions.

## **How God leads:**

1. Your conscience

Romans 9:1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

2. Your spirit His spirit bears witness with our spirit:

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

i. *Some people do what they know is contrary to God's will. They fight conviction of the Holy Spirit*

3. Peace: Acts as an umpire – He calls the shots

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

## **How God doesn't lead:**

1. Fleshly discontent
2. Offense
3. Fear
4. Anger at not getting your way

*– It is time to do away with the pacifier*

"I want what I want when I want it how I want it. NOW"

Who's a bigger baby than you?

I want everything my way. NOW!

No one!!!!

## **Why do some struggle with doing God's will?**

It requires a crucifixion, sacrifice. It points to the cross; It Leads to death to self will, dying to your will and living for His

Acts 21:13-14 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

## **Reasons why people are not in God's will:**

1. Mind is not renewed.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2. Don't seek the kingdom first (Matthew 6:33)
3. Walk in strife = confusion: James 3:16 (KJS) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
4. Double minded: (James 1:8)
5. Jesus really is not their Lord: Lord defined : the owner; one who has control of the person, the master
6. Stubbornness: *"Rebellion is not a gift and stubbornness is not a fruit of the Spirit."*
7. They make decisions in wrong emotional state. Don't make decisions in anger, anxiety, fear, down moments.
8. Pride – bragging. Preface goals, desires & possible direction with "Lord willing ..."

- I believe in setting goals, but flexible goals. Many things I have written down I knew in my heart was not God's will.

James 4:13-17 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you [ought] to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do [it], to him it is sin.

- Some people try to talk things into being the will of God. They try to convince themselves
- Some people try to talk God into conforming to their will instead of submitting to His will

Isaiah 48:17 (NIV) This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.