

Will

Spirit	Soul	Body
New Birth	Mind	See
Communicates with God	Emotions	Smell
Power of God comes through our Spirit	Conscience	Taste
	Personality	Hear
	Will	Feel

Definition = Will n. What I want.

This is the driving force in our lives. A dominate person has a strong will, while a docile person has a weak will. In either case, God has given us a free will so we must choose how to live.

A strong will should not be broken, but channeled. A weak will needs to be strengthened and focused. Our will can be channeled, strengthened, focused by the Holy Spirit to conform to God's will. This is an ongoing process for everyone: young, old, and in between.

Let us look at Jesus, our example, to understand the importance of our will.

John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

Jesus has a strong will and clearly understood his orders from God the Father. This is how he could live a sinless life. He resisted temptation because he was focused on his mission of doing the will of the Father.

John 4:34

“My food,” said Jesus, **“is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”**

His mission was larger than the physical hunger pangs we experience. His soul was focused on his mission from the Father more than the demands of the physical.

Luke 22:42

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus agonized over the path to the cross. He chose to submit his will to God's will.

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Mark 14:34

“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.”

In Mark's account Jesus admits to his agony of soul. His whole life in human form was for this moment, and we see the conflict with the physical part of our savior. Scripture tells us that the spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. The soul is the part of us that chooses to respond to the spirit or the flesh. The soul is central control and must decide between the spirit or the flesh and exercise our free will.

Mark 14:36

“*Abba, Father,*” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Jesus appeals to his daddy over the task before him. He states that God the Father could spare him, but Jesus chose to submit his will to the Father's will.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

This scripture is often incorrectly interpreted to support the name it and claim it theology. They focus on the asking and receiving part. The key is the first part that gets ignored. To remain in Jesus and have his words remain in us requires a change in our soul. As we allow the Holy Spirit to change our mind, emotions, and conscience to conform to God's word, we fulfill the first part of this scripture so we can claim the second part. Our prayers are answered when our will is submitted to God's will. God enjoys giving us good things when we ask him for the things he wants to give.