

Thy Will...  
Colossians 1:9-10

**Introduction**

The pastor's prayer for the church is....

...that the church be filled with the knowledge of God's will. (V9)

A.

B.

C.

...that the church function in God's will. (V9)

...the church focus on fully pleasing the Lord. (V10)

**Conclusion**

"To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge! To do the will of God is the greatest achievement!" George W. Truett, Pastor, President of SBC (1927-1929)

A gentleman captured two baby eagles and raised them with great care. They grew to be fine specimens of this noble bird, until one day the door of their cage was left open by accident and the birds escaped. One flew to a nearby tree, where it roosted on a low branch, for it could not use its wings, never having learned to fly except in the close confinement of its cage. It was not long until it met an untimely death by the gun of a hunter. The other eagle fell or was knocked into a swift flowing river and was drowned. Both of these eagles missed God's plan for their lives by being taken captive by man. They were created to live in high places and to soar aloft in the sky, but instead they were doomed to live on the ground and to meet an early death.

There is a prerequisite for knowing the will of God; and it's this - being willing to do it - God does not say to you, "I'll show you my will and then I'd like you to decide if you'd like to do it." He does not reveal His will so that you can speculate on it, so that you can think about it, or so you can take it to a church board meeting and vote on it. God reveals His will to people who are committed to do it no matter what it is. Bob Orr

Acceptable will of God: God never says, "That's not really what I want, but I suppose it's okay. Carry on."