



MY WILL OR GOD'S WILL?

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (NIV)

11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (NIV)

12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

16 Be joyful always;

17 pray continually;

18 give thanks in all

circumstances, for this is

God's will for you in Christ

Jesus.

Our Growth

**(v. 11) We constantly pray for you,
that our God may count you worthy
of His calling...**

God doesn't give us challenges to
match our strength; He give us
strength to meet our challenges.

Our Growth

Our worthiness is based on God's will, not ours.

- a. God's Universal Will.** This is the same for everybody. He wants us all to be like Jesus.
- b. God's General Will.** This also applies to everyone, but consists of principles rather than specific actions.
- c. God's Particular Will.** God has a plan for what He wants you to accomplish with your life, and the only way you can find out exactly what that is, is through prayer and self-examination.

His Goal

(v. 11)...by His (God's) power He may fulfill every good purpose of yours.

Some translations have rendered your good purpose as every good resolve. This word resolve tells us that it is your idea, your dream, your vision, your goal--and you resolve to do it.

His Glory

(v. 12)...the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you [may be glorified] in Him...

God promises us that when we live in such a way that we glorify Christ in our life, then He will glorify us.



**His will gives purpose
to our life**

His will or ours?

16 Be joyful always;

17 pray continually;

18 give thanks in all

circumstances, for this is

God's will for you in Christ

Jesus.

Our glory or His?

16 Be joyful always;

17 pray continually;

18 give thanks in all

**circumstances, for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**...so that the name of our Lord
Jesus may be glorified in you**