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THE STEERING WHEEL OF YOUR LIFE IS YOUR DESIRES

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Let us consider this morning

I. WHAT EXACTLY IS A DESIRE

II. WHAT DETERMINES OUR DESIRES:

III. WHAT KIND OF DESIRES SHOULD WE AVOID

IV. WHAT KIND OF DESIRES SHOULD WE PURSUE & FEED?

INTRO:

This is the last Sunday of the first month of a New Year, 2016. It is a good time to set goals. We just had our appreciation Banquet and gave out our yearly calendar. In that calendar you see at a glance all the main activities of the church for a whole year and everyone's Birthday listed on the calendar. It took a lot of work to plan out the calendar. Many people were involved. I had people proof read it.. Brother Lee put all the pictures together... included in the calendar is a Church pictorial directory.. We had 2 calendar worker meetings where we went over everything.. I believe it is important to plan out our calendar.. No excuses.. to not know what is going on in the church..

Now it is equally important that as individuals we take inventory of our lives. We need to try and plan out our goals in life.. A person's desire is that key that ultimately directs his whole being. **YOU WILL PERSUE WHAT YOU DESIRE!**

What makes a person desire something? Can a desire be directed? What makes one person give himself to an activity and another could not care less about the matter, One person loves sports another loves music, another loves hunting another hates hunting, another loves to jog, another loves to walk, another loves poetry another loves art, another loves antiques, another loves collecting stamps, another loves to fish, another loves to bowl another loves you fill in the blank. Everything flows from the mysterious terrain of a person's desires, which he/she many times seems to have little control over.

Ultimately every person's desire will monopolize some or all of their time, for the Bible declares, "Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom, Proverbs 18:1".

Everyone is a slave to their desires. People use expressions like **YOU GOTTA DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO**, which is a worldly way of saying you are a slave to your desire. Some put it this way, **"YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY.."** Again this is saying the same thing.

Or people say, "well whatever makes you happy..." Or to each his own.. again there are a host of other sayings that show that even the "secular" world recognizes that a person's life will overflow in the direction of desires.

Desire is that downward slope in a person's life that determines where everything will eventually flow and run. A person can put up walls to keep the water from flowing that direction but sooner or later the desire of the heart will spill over that wall. A desire can build and build until the wall which hinders that desire can no longer contain it. In time our actions will spill over that wall.

I had a friend whose house was flooded a while back in an area along the Susquehanna River that never before flooded. What happened was that in many parts of the Susquehanna they built new higher levees to keep the river from overflowing and flooding areas.. What happened was the water level just rose in other places and new places and smaller towns got flooded.. Water is a hard thing to contain. So too, a desire is a powerful force in a person's life.. It motivates everything you choose to do!

I. WHAT EXACTLY IS A DESIRE :

Definition of the word: DESIRE

<de-zir'>: The verb "to desire" in the Scriptures usually means "to long for," "to ask for," "to demand," and may be used in a good or bad sense

Synonyms of desire are: To delight in, to seek, to long for,

Each of us are bound to our desires. Note the following verses about our desires: Desires can be good or bad.. healthy or unhealthy..

The Bible warns concerning wrong desires..

Deuteronomy 7:25 warns God's people not to desire the Silver or Gold of Idols..

Proverbs 23:6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

Proverbs 24:1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

Proverbs 21:25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

Some desires are good and healthy

Proverbs 18:1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

Proverbs 19:22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

I Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

How then does our desires become an entanglement? The Bible warns us this way:

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

The wise Christian who is seeking to please the Lord must be careful to guard his/her heart because, usually, given the freedom, what we do in this life will be determined by what we allow in our hearts and what we desire to do.

Often there have been warnings in certain areas of our country and the world about killer bees and killer mosquitoes. Everyone wants to protect themselves from such pests. Recently there have been concerns of the Zika virus in South America.. with the devastating effect it is having on pregnant mothers and their new born babies.. The Center for Disease Control has warned about certain parts of the world .. and travel.. We would try to put up screens in our house to keep the bugs out, and take all kind of precautions..

Yet.. more devastating than the Zika virus is allowing wrong desires in your life!

Our life is like a house and what we allow into our house will determine the things we find ourselves involved in. These things will consume our time. We will separate ourselves unto these endeavors.

These can become our entanglements with the world. We then spend time and money on these endeavors.

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LET US CONSIDER:

II. WHAT DETERMINES OUR DESIRES:

Desires, I believe, are spiritually motivated. The director of our lives is our spirit. A spirit is contagious and depending on our strengths, weaknesses, inclinations, upbringing, and personalities - we all have certain leanings in the area of our desires or spirits.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

A. First there are desires that we become avictim to:

Some are bad and some don't seem bad, but ultimately all are not being directed by us or God and therefore should be called into question.

Consider the first time man was victimized by an outside source to desire something that was harmful. In Gen. 3, Satan created in Eve a desire to eat the forbidden fruit by provoking her thoughts to consider the benefits she is missing out on by not eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

So it is in our lives, that we are being bombarded with thoughts and ideas and stimuli to provoke us to desire unlawful and ungodly things.

All around us there are billboards luring us to drink or smoke, or indulge in some other activity of the flesh that will hurt us.

B. There are desires that are fed through circumstances:

Many have a talent in a certain field and also God has allowed opportunities to exercise those talents and so we have people with different gifts and abilities who receive rewards in the form of praise and even monetary remuneration for their work. This all feeds a noble desire to excel in their field of work or hobby.

C. Finally there are supernatural desires placed there by God:

These only happen in a person who is truly saved. These are the desires that we should focus in on and feed. Paul put it this way,

II Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

II Timothy 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Paul even said that it was a good thing to desire to be involved in the ministry. This is no doubt a supernatural working of God, for the Lord says,

I Timothy 3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

I Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

I Timothy 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

I Timothy 3:4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

I Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

I Timothy 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

I Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

It is good to desire the work of the ministry but a man must be realistic and make sure that he has the qualifications to fulfill that desire. Many a man has been crippled by past sin and failure, and will have limitations in the area of service. God told David that his position as a mighty soldier having shed much blood limited him from building God's house.

I Chronicles 22:8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

I believe that a young man who has been spared from the ruin and scars of sin can be much more effective in church building than a man who carries with him the failures of past sin.

Men who are saved later in life and do not meet up to the qualifications of I Tim. 3 would do better to give their money over to the money changers so to speak and support men who are qualified. Churches are in much need of faithful laymen who will serve with diligence and support their Pastor in building the Church.

III. WHAT KIND OF DESIRES SHOULD WE AVOID

A. WE SHOULD AVOID SINFUL DESIRES:

The Bible teaches that we should not desire the things of this world that are forbidden of God:

Deuteronomy 7:25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 7:26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

I remember doing lawn work with a fellow Bible College Student, Charlie Ware, who is now president of Indianapolis Baptist Bible College. We were doing lawn work for a wealthy man near our school in Clarks Summit. I remember the maid showing us around the house and showing off all the silverware and beautiful items in the house.. She would say, isn't this something, and Charlie would say yes it something, then she showed all the fine silver utensils and said to Charlie, aren't these beautiful, and Charlie would say yes they are beautiful.. on and on she went isn't this pretty, Charlie each time replied, yes, yes it is, yes... and then she looked at Charlie and said, wouldn't you love to have all this.. and Charlie without hesitation said, NO MAM..

Charlie wisely knew that..

I Timothy 6:9 ... they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

I Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

A minister of God wisely needs to guard his heart from covetousness..

THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT WOULD BITE US WITH DEADLY DISEASES WORSE THAN THE ZIKA VIRUS..

Proverbs 24 warns about desiring life of drunkenness, life of immorality, life of thievery..

Proverbs 24:1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

How did sin enter the world?

It entered the world when a forbidden desire entered Eve's heart

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, **and a tree to be desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Sin will allure us and we may even desire sin.... Bible warns to keep your heart from sin with all diligence..

B. WE SHOULD AVOID DESIRING THINGS THAT ARE NOT EXPEDIENT

Paul said it this way, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any, I Corinthians 6:12".

Some things are not necessarily wrong, it is just that they are not going to amount to much in eternity.

CONSIDER - WHAT IS A DESIRE?

WHAT KIND OF DESIRES SHOULD WE AVOID?

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SOME ARE NOT EXPEDIENT

We can get into a lot of time wasting activities.. which will not amount to much for eternity.. BE CAREFUL OF THESE TIME WASTERS..

When I get a computer, or electronic device the first thing I do is remove all the games. They are a waste to me... Will we waste time and money playing the lottery? How much time is wasted on activities that will not amount to anything in eternity?

IV. WHAT KIND OF DESIRES SHOULD WE PURSUE & FEED?

Godly desires should be pursued...

Principles to consider in feeding a Godly desire:

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1. IT IS ONLY BY A GODLY DESIRE THAT WE WOULD WANT TO STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

I Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

I Peter 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

This is what it is to delight ourselves in the Lord. Can you separate the Lord from His word? To love the Word of God is to love God. You can't love God and not love His word. The Bible is God's love letter to us all. If we love Him we will love His word.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. It is a supernatural thing when a man desires to serve Christ.

Each person should seek to serve to his full potential.

Our Lord has given each of us talents according to our several ability. It is our duty to invest these talents for the Kingdom of God. This is our primary purpose in this life.

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I believe that a young man who has been spared from the ruin and scars of sin can be much more effective in church building than a man who carries with him the failures of past sin.

This is not to say that God cannot use each of us.. So many people focus on what they cannot do rather than what they can do ..

Parable of the talents ... even the fellow with only one talent could be fruitful if he would have given his talent to support those who were full time in the Lord's work.. this is what is meant by the money changers: the bankers or money changers in the parable are men who are full time

and given to producing fruit for the ministry. These are the full time servants of Christ. Churches are in much need of faithful laymen who will serve with diligence and support their Pastor in building the Church and gaining fruit for eternal life. Those who waste their talents because they feel themselves unqualified for full time service ought to support the local church and give themselves to producing some fruit by proxy. There is no excuse for coming up empty handed in the kingdom.

Matthew 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Matthew 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Matthew 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

Matthew 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Matthew 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- B. Entanglements with the world are what hinder us from being effective in fulfilling these great goals and desires

I Corinthians 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

- C. It is important that every person see himself for what he/she is and understand soberly the gifts given to them and invest those gifts for the Kingdom of God.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

- D. The devil will try to get us side tracked by enticing us to invest these gifts in worldly endeavors. We need to be careful we don't trade our spiritual birthright for a bowl of soup and lose eternal rewards.

- E. The greatest thing that we can do in this life is keep alive, stir up, and feed these supernatural desires

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I Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

EVENING MESSAGE
AS WE DELIGHT IN THE LORD HE WILL
GIVE US THE DESIRES OF OUR HEARTS

THIS MORNING WE TALKED ABOUT OUR DESIRES WHICH STEER OUR LIVES!

We talked about

- I. WHAT A DESIRE IS**
- II. WHAT DETERMINES OUR DESIRES?**
- III. WHAT KIND OF DESIRES SHOULD WE AVOID**
- IV. WHAT KIND OF DESIRES SHOULD WE PURSUE & FEED?**

Now tonight I want to talk about a formula for success in nurturing good desires in your life..

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Here is a formula for a healthy heart. The following prescription will create a heart that can be used of God.

Note the following.. 6 principles to sanctify your desires, to receive answers to your prayers, and blessings from God..

- I. TRUST IN THE LORD**
- II. DO GOOD (Dwell in the land he gives and he will provide for you)**
- III. DELIGHT THYSELF ALSO IN THE LORD**
- IV. HE WILL GIVE THEE THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART**
- V. COMMIT YOUR WAY UNTO THE LORD**
- VI. HE WILL BRING IT PASS**

A FORMULA FOR NUTURING GOOD DESIRES AND A HEART THAT GOD CAN BLESS

I. TRUST IN THE LORD

First we need to trust in the Lord.. have faith in the Lord, believe in the Lord..

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

God wants us to trust in Him, not doubt Him.

Why will we not trust and depend on him ..

Recently we were looking at a documentary about the earth.. and it always seems these people are evolutionists. How sad, in this documentary, that the host of the film says that Volcanoes salvaged the world from a global freeze in the ice age by emitting CO2, so much CO2 into the atmosphere that it caused a global warm up and kicked us out of the ice age. Then at the end of the documentary the narrator said that men are introducing too much CO2 into the atmosphere which is increasing global warming - which is a bad thing. My question is, why is it a good thing when volcanoes do it but a bad thing when men do it? Ever notice anything that "mother nature" does is good, but anything man does is evil. The truth is that global warming might be taking place but why is it we never add God into the equation?

The biggest problem I have with the thinking of the world is that there is no dependence on God Himself. It is as if God just wound everything up and let it go.. Trust in the Lord.. not in man. How is it that men can tell us what happened 1 billion years ago with more accuracy than they can predict the weather.

God has the answers, not man.. trust in Him not men..

My faith is in the Lord..

II DO GOOD (Dwell in the land He gives and He will provide for you)

As we do good we work with our hands. We do our business. We live a quite peaceable life. We do good and not evil..

A person who does good is helpful, productive, diligent in his business, not slothful...

Psalms 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Notice as you do good you will be fed..

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

A person who does good will be a hard worker

A person who does good will be a giver

A person who does good will look after the welfare of his sheep, his land, his harvest..

A godly person will be like the person described in Proverbs..

He will be fed because he will be like the person described in the book of proverbs.. THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO DO GOOD..

Proverbs 27:23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

Proverbs 27:24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?

Proverbs 27:25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

Proverbs 27:26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.

Proverbs 27:27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

As we trust in the Lord and do good God promises to provide our needs.. It is He who provides.

I was reading recently in Leviticus Chapter 25 about the Sabbath year. The Bible says,

Lev. 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

25:4 But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land, a Sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

25:5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

The interesting thing is that never once did Israel obey these verses.. and the reason was simply they did not TRUST IN HIM AND DO GOOD..

Note this promise..

Lev. 25:20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

Lev.25:21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

Lev.25:22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

Notice, how can God bless the 6th year in the 7th year unless He knows our hearts and desires and sees we are trusting Him?

This goes along with this verse..

Psalms 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

III. DELIGHT THYSELF ALSO IN THE LORD

Isaiah 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Isaiah 58:14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

To delight in the Lord is to be a person who loves going to Church and serving the Lord and meditating on His Word. A person who delights in doing His will. Imagine trusting God enough that you would take off a whole year from work to serve him and not worry about how you are going to make a living.. That is what the Sabbath year was all about. Work for the children of Israel was working the Lord and being agricultural people.

This is what I have against all this global warming stuff.. Where is God in all of it? Men give more glory to evolution and mother nature than they do to the God of the Bible. Where is our faith in Him?!

To turn away thy foot from the Sabbath is to dedicate yourself to worshipping God on his Holy days. That day for us is Sunday! And for His people in the Old Testament it included the Sabbath year of rest. I wonder if the Lord asked us to step out in faith in some way like he did for the Children of Israel if we would trust HIM!

This is what they did in the book of Acts.. every man sold his possessions and gave them to the church . When persecution came a few years later they had nothing to tie them down.

The Bible says whether we eat or drink do all to the glory to God. Do we live that way? I don't think we are faring any better than the Israelites in this matter of trusting the Lord and delighting in Him!

IV. HE WILL GIVE THEE THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART

As a person lives in this manner God will place into such a persons heart certain desires...

Isaiah 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

When God is able to work in our hearts.. then He will delight in answering our prayers..

I John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

I John 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

It is God that works in us both to will and to do His good pleasure

I know that God at times has put into my heart to pray certain things that were certainly a desire that He placed within me..

I know God called me to preach because he placed that desire in me.. which never was my earthly natural desire. Read my tract not me to see why that is.. <http://www.elkdalebaptist.com/pastor-bissols-testimony--peter-accardis-testimony.html>

V. COMMIT YOUR WAY UNTO THE LORD

Then we need to commit our way unto the Lord..

If He directs us we need to trust and commit our way to Him.

I am praying for some goals, in our church, that I honestly do not know how we ever could accomplish. But I am committing my way to the Lord and going to wait on Him to do it.

VI. HE WILL BRING IT PASS

I remember a time I saw some needs in our church and it looked impossible to accomplish what we needed to accomplish. As we committed our way to Him in time he accomplished everything for His honor and glory!

I recall the first building program we had in the church. We had no money we were in debt, we didn't have the funds and resources. I presented to the Church the need and asked everyone to pray. One of my critics remarked "how does that preacher expect to start a building program with no money?.." We didn't have the money.. but we committed our way to the Lord and He brought it to pass...

I could tell you story after story of God bringing things to pass in a way that He alone could do!

When we spend time with Him, when we delight in Him, when we meditate in His word, and keep His Holy day, and trust in Him .. HE WILL BRING IT TO PASS!

How could He not bring to pass what he initiated in our hearts
How could He not bring it pass if it is He who gave us the desire to begin with!
It is His desire that He superimposed into our hearts! He will bring it to pass because it is in accordance with HIS WILL..

This is why we pray..

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN..

His will is what originates from Him and not from us!

IF IT IS HIS WILL .. AND WE HAVE THE PROMISE

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How are we going to pray in His will if we do not delight in Him.. Spend time with Him.. trust Him.. Believe in Him .. Commit our way unto Him..

WHEN WE DO THESE THINGS WE ARE IN A PERFECT POSITION TO PRAY IN HIS WILL

AND WHEN WE PRAY IN HIS WILL .. HE WILL HE WILL HE WILL

BRING IT TO PASS..