

- f. Our decisions should not only conform to God-given goals, they should reflect right attitudes.

Examples of God's will for our attitudes:

- (1) love others Jn 13:35; 1 Thes. 4:9; 1 John 3:11
- (2) reliance/trust Prov 3:5-6
- (3) humility Phil 2:3-8
- (4) gratitude Col. 3:17
- (5) integrity Col. 3:22
- (6) diligence Col. 3:23
- (7) eagerness 1 Pet 5:2
- (8) generosity 1 Tim 6:17-19
- (9) courage Jn 16:33
- (10) submission Eph 5:21
- (11) contentment Heb 13:5
- (12) joy Jas. 1:2
- (13) giving thanks Eph 5:20

- g. God is also concerned about our behavior, (actions) for the end does not justify, just any means.

- (1) With proper goals in view, and right attitudes at heart, our actions must be lawful. Eph 5:1-14
- (2) and they must be wise (the believer is not to make a decision he knows to be foolish) - Eph 5:15-17; Lk 14:28-32
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- h. Our perspective on life will largely determine the degree to which we pursue godly goals with righteous attitudes and wise actions, since no decision is made in a vacuum.

- (1) The Christian with a world view (perspective) shaped by Scripture will have a much different sense of self-identity.; recognizes that their self-worth is related to the one to whom they belong, Jesus Christ.
- (2) This believer will face life with a deep sense of security knowing that he is loved by God with a love which he did nothing to earn (and which, therefore, he can do nothing to forfeit - Rom 8:31-39).

- (3) This believer has a clear grasp of his personal worth because he is aware that God has specifically equipped him to participate meaningfully in the outworking of the eternal purposes of God. Eph 2:10; 1 Pet 4:10-11
- (4) Both of these (a strong sense of security and significance in Christ) when understood free the Christian from self-promoting motivations in decision making, and release him to focus more on the needs of others. Phil 2:1-5
- (5) The believer is also reminded that he is on assignment for God in enemy territory. Eph 6:12; "*in the world but not of it.*"
- (6) It is God's moral will that we resist having our viewpoint molded by the world. Rom 12:2 "*Stop being conformed to this world*"
- (7) Instead, we are to walk by faith (2 Cor 5:7) seeing our lives, and therefore our decisions, through the 'lens' of God's Word; the mirror of God's Word.