

# Discipline of Spiritual Discernment

## *Lesson #7 “The Will and Discernment”*

□ Read Chapter Six (pages 109-122) and answer the following questions.

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

1) Why is there so much confusion on what Christians should believe and how they should live?

2) What is the meaning of God’s will of decree?

3) Why is God’s secret will hidden to us?

4) What is the purpose of God’s commanded will?

5) Where do we find the commanded will of God?

6) What are the three general principles that God commands in Scripture?

7) How do we discover God’s will?

8) John MacArthur says, “As we are \_\_\_\_\_ to what we \_\_\_\_\_, our knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of His \_\_\_\_\_ increases and \_\_\_\_\_. As we are \_\_\_\_\_ to the light, we are given \_\_\_\_\_ of this light.”

9) What are we to do with God’s explicit commands?

10) How are we to make choices when there is no clear command or guidance?

11) Why are we not to worry about making the “right” decisions?

12) “Discerning God’s will ..., is the \_\_\_\_\_ of understanding and \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word with the \_\_\_\_\_ of separating right from wrong. It is discernment in a \_\_\_\_\_ or ethical dimension in which we \_\_\_\_\_ to act in a way that is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and that brings \_\_\_\_\_ to God.”

13) What are we to do when we encounter a crossroad in life?

14) What are the three stages to understanding and obeying God’s will?

“The life of discernment is, therefore, a Word-focused and a Word-directed life which develops a Word-saturated mind.” Sinclair Ferguson

**“Discernment** is the skill of understanding and applying God’s Word with the purpose of separating truth from error and right from wrong.”