

## The Will of God



*“Present your bodies as living sacrifices...*

*Let the Lord renew of your mind.*

*So that you can determine what is God’s will  
– his good, pleasing, and perfect will for you.*

1. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as *living sacrifices*, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. 2. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. *Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.*  
-- *Romans 12:1-2*

## Think Man, Think!



For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:  
Do not **think** of yourself more highly than you ought,  
but rather **think** of yourself with sober judgment,  
**(think)** in accordance with the measure of faith  
God has given you.

## Three Dangerous Thinking Patterns



✂ Think too highly...

✂ Think too lowly...

✂ Think not at all...

### I. Think Too Highly of Self



#### **“Personal Exemption”**

*I am too busy with other more important things. I am too involved in my career, my business, my family, my fun.*

**Proud: Too good to serve, too important to serve, too busy with other more important things to serve.**

### II. Think Too Lowly of Self



#### **“Miserable me”**

*I am a nobody. I can’t do anything. I have not ability of gift in the body of Christ.*

**Low self-esteem: too lowly, unworthy, untalented, ill-equipped to serve sacrificially.**

## A Destructive Internal Critic



1. Condemning
2. Accusing
3. Blaming
4. Shaming
5. Criticizing
6. Complaining

Zechariah 3:1-6

*For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. - Revelation 12:10*

## III. Think Not at All of Self



### “Reasonable Thoughts”

*In accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. You have been given a heaping scoop of God’s gifts and grace with which to serve.*

***Ignorance: Never think of your value to the body of Christ. Never think about others or how to serve.***

## God’s will for your life...is to think rightly and serve humbly.

- ✍ **Think:** You are God’s child.
- ✍ **Think:** You were bought with a great price.
- ✍ **Think:** You are indwelt by Holy Spirit.
- ✍ **Think:** You have been given gifts.
- ✍ **Think:** You are God’s chosen vessel.
- ✍ **Think:** I can do all things through Christ.

## Philippians 2

*3. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7. but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!*