

How are you calibrated?

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Rom 12:1-2

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.

1. THE WORLD'S STANDARD IS CONTRARY TO GOD'S

Rom 12:

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2 Peter 1:20-2:3

20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them — bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

2. CONFORMING TO GOD'S STANDARD REQUIRES TRANSFORMATION

Rom 12:

2... but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. GOD'S WILL IS THE TARGET

Rom 12:

2... Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Rom 8:26-27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

• SO HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S WILL?

2 Tim 3:15-17

15 ... the holy Scriptures... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.