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Getting a handle on what this text says about God's will

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- 2. **Respond always,**
- 3. **pray continually,**
- 4. **give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

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- 2. **Why is God's will for you in Christ Jesus?**
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> Knowing God's will—Three **Imperatives**

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> Doing God's will: Three **Timings**

- 1. **Respond *Continually*,** (Reflect on natural circumstances and "up and to the next" or "last second")
- 2. **pray *Often*,** (Engage when my natural circumstances are "hard")
- 3. **give thanks *Spontaneously*,** (Because, let's face it, I'm *not* thankful)

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"Thankful in all circumstances... In Christ Jesus"

God's will of the Father to achieve a supernatural outcome

Romans 8

21. And we know that in **all things** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

22. For those God foreknew **he** also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might bring the freedom among many nations and sons.

23. And those he predestined, **he** also called; those he called, **he** also justified; those he justified, **he** also glorified.

12. [Gro...]

Romans 8:21 (the way next verse...)

21. What, then, shall we say in response to these things?

>God's will—My **Thankful Response**

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