

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!



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Every day and all day we should say *Not my will, but Thine be done, Lord* Luke 22:42—concerning every situation; every decision or difficulty we may face. It is what *Jesus* said, and what *we* should say. God works with us on earth to remove self from our heart and replace self with His Spirit. Completing that spiritual work gives us a *living hope* of receiving His *eternal kingdom*.

This spiritual work must be done in our heart so that self will not control our actions and reactions. Allowing God to do that for us enables us to be delivered from Satan's control and keeps us on the path of faith in Christ—a path that leads to eternity in Heaven.

Self *out* of our *heart* and God *in* control of our *life*, perfects our right standing before Him; provides health and healing; brings peace and harmony to our home; gives protection from harm; enables peace with our friends, and directs our journey toward being with Jesus forever.

There is nothing more important than having *God* control us—*not* self; and it is the one vital thing needed for every soul on earth. Everyone must understand the *value* and *reason* for having *self* removed, so that the *Holy Spirit* can control—guiding every step of our life and

empowering us to apply divine principles of trust on God in all situations.

The Bible is a *Book* of principles—logical, rational, and reasonable. Not one divine principle of trust on God in the Bible can be omitted. The experiences of those who allowed God to work in their life are in the Bible—so we can *learn* from them. Proper ID is an important issue today, but Satan has been hiding *his* identity and changing *his* disguise for centuries.

Three Hebrews had to deal with a statue. It seems ridiculous to bow and worship an image, but Satan knows what he is doing so he conceived the construction of a metal statue. The devil devises new things to *bow to* or *trust in* today—things that substitute for God. Medical science comes up with new types of remedies, pills, and drugs that humans are supposed to accept and swallow, instead of depending on God for health and healing.

Many religious teachers believe it is okay to trust in medical treatments for health and healing, just as the majority in Daniel's day thought it was okay to just bow to a statue. The majority of people professing Christianity do not realize that self is controlling their life—or that they are following the idolatrous ways of the world. Swallowing pills *this* day parallels worshiping statues in *that* day.

Satan has not changed since the building of that statue—and there is no difference in bowing to an idol of *wood* and *metal*, or swallowing Satan's *pills* and *painkillers*. They are all *false gods* conceived by the devil.

The difference is that bowing to a statue would not result in *physical* harm, but taking the drugs advised by doctors today can be lethal. A major cause of death in America is *medical mistakes*—*iatrogenic deaths*—tens of thousands every year.

Three Hebrews were asked to do something that would *not* cause physical harm, but people today are taking drugs, pills, prescriptions, medications, and vaccines that *can* cause serious harm, side effects, and even death. When self is out of our *heart*, we will go to God in *prayer* for healing.

John 12:24 “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit*”—the fruit of right actions and scriptural decisions. Everyone needs to have *self* removed from their heart. This important need is not generally *known*, nor is it even *realized* in the Christian world today. Since they are not *taught* about *self* being in *control* of their *life*, they still have *Satan* in control of their *heart*.

Satan prowls on the *outside*; but a worse enemy is on the *inside*—self is *ruling* and *ruining* the lives of countless numbers today—blinding them to the Truth, the Word, and the power of the living God—as well as blinding them to what the Blood of Jesus accomplished for them.

Self is the cause of every *problem* we encounter; every *sorrow*, *ache*, *pain*, *difficulty*, and every *temptation* we have met—*self* is the *center* of them all. When *self* is controlling, we connect with the devil—and he will land us in the fire with himself—*that* is *sure* to happen if we do *not* have *self* taken *out* of our heart and God's Spirit *in its place* to *control* our life and our attitudes.

Self adamantly and stubbornly *opposes* acting in faith on the Word of God—thus we see the *importance* of *accepting* the Word as it is written—and then acting in *faith* on it. Our *original* and *rebellious* self-nature wants something *beside* the Word of God for healing or victory.

Satan is well aware of this, so he approaches us as an angel of light to *deceive* us. He has *millions* to think they are born-again believers when they have never really *been* born again—because

the evil nature of self from their first birth is *still* in control of their life.

If we accept the common misunderstanding to do *outwardly* good things to make us *inwardly* right with God—we are just feeding the control of self three meals a day. Self feeds on anything it can do *by itself* and wants to be praised for it. Self does *not* want to act on a *Word* in faith because self wants to *see* before acting. Matthew 12:39 “*An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign.*”

The *Word* of God is the *will* of God—clearly explained in Scripture. The Bible tells us *what* to do in every situation; *how* we are to respond; and the *need* to *believe* those *Words* by faith in God. We are to *act* on what we *profess*; and to *believe* what we profess through the *power* of the Spirit. James 1:22 “*Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*”

We must be *sure* that we are within the *will* of God, by obeying the *Word* of God. He said Isaiah 65:2 “*I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious [obstinate; apostate], people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts.*” We must be *sure* that what we decide is God’s will—and *not* ours.

The *Word* tells us that God is *with* us *always*—*all the time*; *perpetually*—and He *never* forsakes us. The devil then brings a trial; a temptation; or a tough situation to have us think that God is *not* with us and that He *has* forsaken us. *That* is a temptation to disbelieve God’s *Word* and to accept *Satan*’s lies. If we offer a prayer for healing, Satan aggravates symptoms—trying to make us focus on *the symptoms* to deceive, rather than the *Word* that heals; Psalm 107:20 “*He sent his word and healed them.*”

If we doubt God’s *Word* and do *not* act in faith, *self* is in control. When we accept the *Word* as enough *evidence* and walk by faith in what it

says, self is *not* in control. On the matter of fellowship, the *Word* is clear. 2 Corinthians 6:14 “*Do not come into close association with unbelievers,*” because spiritual *light* has nothing in common with spiritual *darkness.*”

No more revelation is needed because God’s *Word* has clearly explained. When we *obey* the *Word* and break off close fellowship with someone who does *not* obey the *Word*, we are part of God’s family of believers. 2 Corinthians 6:18 “*And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*”

God promises many blessings when we obey the Scriptures. Self is *unwilling* to walk by faith in a *Word*—even though it *is* the *Word* from the *Lord*. God is *patient* with us and gives us many opportunities to *understand* His Truth—if He sees any *willingness* in our heart to learn. He wants *no one* to be lost, but 1 Timothy 2:4 “*Have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*”

Every situation we could face is addressed in the *Word*. The number of injustices, wrongs, abuses, and violation of rights done to people today, could never be counted, but God has plainly spoken on the matter. Romans 12:19 “*Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*”

The Holy Spirit was sent to *enlighten* us to understand what the *Word* *means*—from the beginning to the end of the Bible. He makes every principle of God’s Truth clear to the humble in heart. When God shows us what the *Word* means, we then apply the principle of trust and act in faith on what it says—resulting in victory. Proverbs 3:5 “*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*”

When God speaks clearly in His *Word*, we are to *obey* it and *follow* what it says—whether it

happens to agree with us or not. When we are asked for money, self says, do *not* give it and *hold on* to it, but God’s *Word* says Matthew 5:42 “*Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.*”

If we will *do* what God *says* to do and obey His *Word* on that issue, the love of money—that “*Root of all evil*” 1 Timothy 6:10—will be *gone* from our heart and the Spirit of God will be *in control* of our life. In giving to the poor, some may follow the *Word* that tells them: *Do not let their left hand know what their right hand is doing*, but they may let everyone *else* know what they are doing. If anyone else *knows*, we have *not* given the glory to *God*—but to our *self*.

This control of self is often dressed up to look *presentable* on the *outside*, but it is *deadly* on the *inside*—of us, due to the fact that if it is not removed, it can take us to the flames blindfolded—by our *not believing*, and *not following*, the plain *Word* and expressed *will* of God.

We do not want to hear God say of us Isaiah 65:2-3 “*I opened my arms to my own people all day long, but they have rebelled. They follow their own evil paths and thoughts. All day long they insult me to my face by worshiping idols in their sacred gardens.*”

We are encouraged to know, however, that God 2 Peter 3:9 “*Bears patiently with you, His desire being that no one should perish but that all should come to repentance.*” God must be in control of our life—*not self*. Have Thine Own Way, Lord; Have Thine Own Way—*You* are the potter, we are the clay!



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