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## Introduction

In Matthew 7:21, Jesus said, **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”** Are Christians doing the will of God the Father? If not, why not?

Let us get a better understanding of what Jesus is talking about when He mentioned **“...enter into the kingdom of heaven...”** Jesus had been teaching on **“the kingdom of heaven”** all the way from Matthew 5:1 through Matthew 7:29. To understand what Jesus is talking about, we need to consider much more than just a few verses. It is important to understand what it means to enter into the kingdom of heaven, and why it is so important that we do enter into the kingdom of heaven.

To begin with, the words “kingdom of heaven” and “kingdom of God” are speaking of the same thing. The word “kingdom” in both of these statements should have been translated “reign.” In these verses, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God means “the reign of God.”

Therefore, if God is not reigning in our lives, we have not entered into the kingdom of God. Knowing this, we can better understand what Jesus was saying in Matthew 7:22,23. Jesus said, **“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?...And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”**

How many Christians want to go through life here on earth thinking they are doing the will of God and then find out on the day of judgment that they were not doing the will of God? Who wants to spend eternity in hell? Who wants to be told by the LORD, **“...I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity?”** It is sad that many think, because they **“...prophesied...cast out devils...and done many wonderful works...”** they should be entitled to enter into heaven. Yet, Jesus said, many who do those things, could still be cast out.

Christians need a better understanding of what Jesus is talking about in Matthew, Chapters five through seven. Jesus said in Matthew 7:13,14, **“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat...Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”** Why is it that so many are entering in at the wide gate, and so few are entering in the narrow gate?

It is important, that we understand what Jesus is talking about, and know if we are entering in the **“...strait...gate, and narrow...way, which leadeth unto life...”** Once we leave this earth, we should be entering into heaven, and not be cast out into outer darkness. For our names can be taken out of the book of life (Rev. 3:4,5).

## DOING HIS WILL

How can we do the will of God the Father? What does it mean to do the will of God the Father?

There are certain things we need to understand concerning doing the will of God the Father. First of all, the will of God the Father is made known to us from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21. The complete Bible contains the will of God the Father, written in such a way that only those who desire to do His will, will understand what His will is?

In the beginning of the Book of Genesis it tells us that the LORD God created man in His own image (Gen. 1:27). Then the LORD God placed man in the garden of Eden, wherein there was **“the tree of life”** (Gen. 2:9). There was also in the garden **“the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”** In Genesis 2:17 the LORD God commanded man, not to eat of **“the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”**

As we look throughout the Bible we will see many verses that tell us how to do the will of God the Father, as well as what not to do. In Proverbs 3:5 it says, **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”** When we read verses such as Proverbs 3:5 we should consider the opposite of what it says also. If we are to **“...lean not unto thine own understanding,”** how then are we to do the will of God?

Let us look at Romans 8:14 which says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”** What would be the opposite of being **“...led by the Spirit of God?”** Simply, it would be, leaning **“...unto thine own understanding.”**

In Isaiah 55:8,9 it says, **“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD...For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”** There seems to be something wrong with our thoughts and our ways that God knows about, and we may not totally understand. Proverbs 14:12 says, **“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** Something is wrong about the way we think, and we need to find out what is wrong?

I believe it all concerns the difference between being led by our mind, or led by the Holy Spirit? Can a Christian do the will of God from his mind? Or, must a Christian follow the leading of the Holy Spirit from his spirit? This I believe is the answer to the question, **“Who will enter into the kingdom of heaven?”**

There seems to be many examples in the Bible of people who did the will of God, not according to their own understanding, but obeyed the LORD and were rewarded for their obedience. It seems, obedience to the Word of God, without our understanding is more important than trying to understand everything with our mind first, before we do what we believe we should do.

Take Abraham for one example. When the LORD spoke to Abraham already in Ur of the Chaldees, Abraham obeyed the LORD, not knowing where he was going. Do Christians today, obey the LORD, not knowing where they are going?

Abraham was not operating from his own understanding when he obeyed the LORD and left Ur of the Chaldees. Abraham was not going according to his own understanding when he believed Sarah would have a child in her old age and become the mother of Isaac. Speaking of Abraham, Romans 4:18 says, **“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of**

**many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.”**

Take the example of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Did Mary understand everything the angel said to her? Did Mary know what was going to be the end results of her decision to let God do His will in her life? Mary was obedient to the instructions of the angel, and through her obedience she became the mother of Jesus. Look at what the angel said to Mary in Luke 1:35,37, “**...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God...For with God nothing shall be impossible.**” If Mary was not willing to let God work in her life without her complete understanding in her mind, God could not have used Mary to become the mother of Jesus. Mary had to be willing to permit God to do His will in her life, even when it involved her becoming pregnant without a man.

If Mary would not have agreed with the word of the angel, she could not have done the will of God in her life. If Christians are not willing to do things that do not agree with their understanding, can God use them?

Doing things according to our own understanding sometimes keeps us from doing the will of God the Father. God is looking for those who are willing to do His will, without leaning to their own understanding. The things of God are not always according to man’s understanding. The Holy Spirit does not always operate according to our understanding. God’s ways are higher than our ways. God’s thoughts are higher than our thoughts. If we always want to do things according to our understanding, God cannot use us.

Christians are born again “in the spirit,” not in the flesh. The flesh operates from the mind, the Holy Spirit operates from our spirit. In Job 32:8 it says, “**But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.**” If we are to understand what God desires to do in our lives, we must get our understanding from our spirit, not our mind of the flesh.

If we are to do the will of God the Father, we must learn to operate from our spirit, not our mind of the flesh. Multitudes of Christians are trying to please God by operating from their mind, doing what they see others do. Doing things the way others do things.

God is not looking for those who operate from their mind, but those who are willing to let Him do His will from their spirit. God’s ways and our ways are not the same. God said in His Word, “**Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him**”(Heb. 10:38).

When Christians operate according to their own understanding they could miss God and follow the ways of the world. God is looking for faith, not according to our own understanding, but according to His written Word. Christians have been given faith to live by. Faith is a fruit of the Spirit, not of the mind (Gal. 5:22,23). This is the faith we are to use to please God, not our natural human understanding.

We are told to “build up our faith.” Jude 1:20 says, “**But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.**” In 1 Corinthians 14:2 it says, “**For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.**” Who understands what they are saying when they are praying in the Spirit? We are not speaking in English, we are not speaking to man, “**...but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.**”

The natural man does not understand the mysteries of God for they are spiritually discerned. In 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 it says, **“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God...Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual...But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**

God cannot teach us spiritual things if we are always going by our own understanding. Isaiah 28:9-11 says, **“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts...For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.”** If Christians do not speak in tongues, how can God teach them knowledge and make them understand doctrine?

Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”** (John 6:45). In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

In Psalm 127:1 it says, **“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”**

It seems that God wants us to trust Him one-hundred percent, and not go by our own understanding. God wants to be GOD in every area of our lives, doing for us what He knows is best for us.

The thoughts of our mind could prevent us from doing the will of God in our lives. Therefore, there is a problem in our minds that needs to be corrected. Thereby, the Word of God tells us, **“...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”** (Rom. 12:2).

We will never do the will of God as long as we are conformed to this world. Unless our mind is transformed by being renewed according to the Word of God, we will still be conformed to this world. The way

God does things and the way the world does things are opposite of each other. God does not do things the way the world does things.

Even among those who claim to be in the ministry, and claim to be doing the will of God, there are still many who are conformed to this world. They do things the same way the world does things.

When I attended Bible School, I was taught that we must write out an outline of what we are going to speak. Then we must memorize that outline, so that we do not miss any points we want to get across. That is the way the world does things. That is all an operation of the mind of man. The Holy Spirit is not in on any of that. That is man, not God.

When we are doing the will of God, God is in control, not man. When God is in control we do not know what God is going to do next. We only know what God wants to do as we are doing what God is leading us to do. We do not make plans, and then try to follow those plans word for word.

Oh, how many Christians have been deceived by the Devil, in thinking they are doing the will of God when in fact, they are doing what the Devil wants them to do. When God is working in our lives, God puts the words in our mouth, that we speak what He wants us to speak, not what we want to say.

I learned this by experience. Even before I was called to the ministry by the LORD, many people knew me. Many people came to me rather than going to their pastors when they were facing situations in their lives and needed answers.

One day, a woman, who was a single parent with a teenage daughter called me. Her daughter was getting involved in sex with older men. She tried to get her daughter to change, but she could not. So, she called me to see what the Bible said to do.

The day she called I had my own television repair shop and was at work. First she told me the situation with her daughter, then she asked to come and see me about it. I told her to come over to the shop and I would talk to her about it. It took almost an hour for her to get to the shop from her house. In the meantime, I spent all that time going through my Bible, marking down all the Bible verses I could find, to show her when she came. As you can imagine, being from a denomination that didn't teach the born again experience or the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I went to the Law.

When she got to the shop, I already had a number of verses marked down. But, the first thing I did was, I asked her to explain to me the situation once more. When she finished explaining everything, the Holy Spirit took over. I did not use a single Bible verse that I had marked down. I said, *"Let me ask you a question, is your daughter born again?"* She said, *"Yes."* Without thinking what I was about to say, I said, *"Then she is not your daughter, she's God's daughter, she's your sister in the LORD! So, put her in God's hands, love her, pray for her, ask the Holy Spirit to take over in her life and set her free."* I told her, *"she did not have to let her daughter get involved with men in her house, but to love her and pray for her every day."*

In all of this, I did not go according to my own understanding. The words just came out of my mouth as I spoke. I had total peace about what I was saying, and did not try to add any of my own thoughts to what I said.

Evidently, she did what I told her to do. The words I spoke did not come from my mind, they came from my spirit. It was the Holy Spirit using my mouth to speak to this woman, so He could do the will of God for her and her daughter. In Philippians 2:13 it says, **"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."** It was God working in me and through me to do His will in the lives of both, this mother and her daughter. It is important that Christians learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit and let God do His will in their lives and the lives of others to whom we come into contact with.

About six months later this woman called me and told me her daughter met a young man (about her age) in church, who was born again, and they were going to get married. About another six months later, her daughter sent me an invitation to the wedding. I went to the wedding.

God knows how to work things out a lot better than we think. Too often we get our own ideas on how God should do something, and we want God to do it our way. After this happened, I recalled what Jesus said to the Pharisees in John 8, and also what He said to the woman taken in the act of adultery. We can learn from the Holy Spirit, if we will let Him have control when situations come up.

God wants to do His will in our lives. God does not want us going about life doing our own

will of the flesh. Jesus, Himself said, **“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me”** (John 5:30). Jesus did the will of God the Father. Jesus knew He could not do the will of God the Father and His own will both at the same time. Therefore, Jesus purposely did not do His own will, He only did the will of God the Father.

Jesus should be our example of how to do the will of God the Father. Everything Jesus did agreed with the written Word of God. Jesus never did anything that did not agree with the written Word of God. Jesus lived by the written Word of God. That is the way Christians should also live.

This can only be done by renewing our mind on the Word of God. If we do not control our mind, the Devil will. It is our choice, will we believe the written Word of God, even when we do not understand it completely? Or, will we continue to do our will according to our understanding and say we are doing the will of God?

I believe the Scripture is clear, the only way to do the will of God the Father is to put the Holy Spirit in control of everything we do. What we do of our own ability is not acceptable to God the Father.

In the Bible, the only ones who are called **“sons of God”** are those who are led by **“the Spirit of God.”** Those who are led by their own mind, and operate according to the mind of the flesh most likely are not doing the will of God. If we are to do the will of God the Father, we must understand, it cannot be done without being transformed by the renewing of our mind. Our natural mind gets in the way for the Holy Spirit to operate.

Every thought must be brought into subjection to the Word of God according to 2 Corinthians 10:5, which says, **“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”** The **“knowledge of God,”** is written in the Bible, and revealed by the Holy Spirit from within our spirit.

The Bible tells us that God is Love (1 John 3:8). God will never do anything that is not for our own good. God is for us, not against us (Rom. 8:31). God wants to work all things together for our good (Rom. 8:28).

God wants to teach us all things (1 John 2:27). God will never lie to us, or deceive us in anyway (Num. 23:19). God knows things we do not know (James 1:5). God knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 44:8). God’s plans for us are for eternity, not just for this earth (Col. 3:1,2).

The world, and the things of this world will keep us from the greater things God has planned for those who love Him (1 John 2:15-17). Who wants to give up eternity in heaven for just a few years of worldly things? I have not seen one person who, when they died took the things of this world with them. It seems, all these earthly things are only temporal, and we will lose them when we leave this earth.

I recall three days after I was born again, as I sat on the davenport, all of a sudden I found myself standing in the clouds above the earth. I looked down on the earth below and saw all the property I owned. I saw people in the Olympics, diving from a high tower into a pool below, simply to receive a medal for their accomplishments. As I looked up from the cloud I was standing on, I saw a bright light shining down from above. I heard a voice say to me, *“All of this will pass away, the only thing that will matter is your relationship to Me.”* That voice I heard, I was sure it was the LORD speaking to me.

The LORD loved me so much that He made me aware of how important it is to love Him and keep my relationship and fellowship with Him until the end (Matt. 24:12,13).

Because God is Love, “and does not force anyone to do anything,” we must be willing to do what God has revealed to us in the Bible. That is, we must **“receive Jesus Christ into our lives personally.”** Each person, themselves, must become born again before God can save them from eternity in hell.

In John 1:11,12 it says, **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not...But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”** Many people have been told by some who said they were Christians, and said they are called of God as a Pastor, that when they were baptized as an infant, they were born again. That is not what the Bible says. Do not believe those who teach things that do not agree with the Bible from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21.

God is a personal GOD. God desires to dwell in each individual person Himself. God wants to be in control of everything we do in this life and in eternity to come. God is for us, not against us.

Just as God was in Jesus, reconciling the world unto Himself, He wants to be in every individual person who will receive Jesus as their LORD and Savior. Because that God is Love and does not force anyone to do anything, each person individually must receive the LORD themselves.

The Bible says, **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God...”** Do not be deceived and believe a lie. Those who believe a lie could spend eternity in hell, simply, because they did not believe the truth. It is simple, just do what it says, and ask Jesus to come into your life personally, and become your LORD and Savior. Do it today, if you have not done it already. Do not listen to anyone who says someone else did it for you. Do what the Bible says. “Believe in your heart” and pray:

*"LORD Jesus, I know that You are the Son of God. I know that You died on the cross for me. I know that God raised You from the dead.*

*Jesus, forgive me of all my sins, wash me clean in Your blood; that I may be the righteousness of God in You. Thank You, Jesus!*

*Jesus, I ask You to come into my life? Live Your life in me! Let Your will be done in me! Let the will of God be done in my life as it was in Your life. I surrender my life to You, Jesus!*

*You lead me by Your Spirit and I will follow to the best of my ability. I will live for You all the days of my life, as You lead me by Your Spirit.*

*I receive You now, as my LORD, and SAVIOR for all eternity. I will be with You here on earth, and I will be with You in heaven, forever and ever. I will give You all the Glory. It is for You that I will live forever. Amen."*

From this day forward, study the Bible daily, and become a doer of the Word of God, not just a hearer only.

In Mark 16:16,17, Jesus said, **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned...And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...”** If you have not been baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, pray a prayer while believing in your heart on what God has promised you in His Word.

*"LORD Jesus, You said in Mark 16:17, that in Your name I can cast out devils.*

*Satan, in the name of Jesus' I cast you out of my mind. You have no authority over my mind.*

*My mind is clear of all demonic oppression in Jesus' name.*

*Father, according to Your Word in Luke 11:13, You promised me the Holy Spirit if I ask. Father, I am now asking You to give me the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in Your heavenly language. I receive Him from You now, in Jesus' name."*

Continue to pray in the Spirit every day. Place God first in your life and live for God everyday. Always remember what it says in Colossians 3:1,2, **"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."**

Once we do what it says in Colossians 3:1,2, then Colossians 3:3,4 will apply to us. It says, **"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God...When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."** It is our desire to see God manifest in your life by His love working in you and through you. We love the LORD our God for He is love and He will manifest His love in the lives of those who love Him.

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