

Living in the Will of God

A. GAP in the Garden of Eden

1. Good, Acceptable and Perfect will of God
Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
Rom 12:2 And 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.
2. Overall GAP
Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **(Perfect)** Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **(Acceptable)** subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
Gen 1:29 And God said, **(Good)** Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
3. Specific GAP
(Acceptable) Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
(Good) Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
(Perfect) Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
4. Permissive Will
1Sa 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.
1Sa 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

B. GAP in the Old Testament

1. **Good** Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
2. **Acceptable** Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
3. **Perfect** Hab 3:19 Amp. The LORD God is my strength, and my personal bravery, and my invincible army.

C. GAP in the New Testament

1. **Good** Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
2. **Acceptable** Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.
Mat 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
Mat 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
3. **Perfect** Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that **ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

D. GAP in the Ending Days

1. **Good** Heb 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.
Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.
2. **Acceptable** Col 4:12 always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
3. **Perfect** 1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.