

Title: **"IN THE WILL OF GOD"**

Text: **Romans 1:10**

(I) KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL

1. In salvation's plan (Ephesians 1)

- a) According to His will (**Ephesians 1:5**)
- b) According to His grace (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- c) According to His power (**Ephesians 1:19**)

2. In God's service

"making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you."
Romans 1:10

- a) To be prayed for
- b) To have God making it possible
- c) To find a way to serve

(II) PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

1. Knowledge of the Romans

Well known faith (**Romans 1:8**)

2. Prayer for the Romans

Ministry of prayer for the Romans (**Romans 1:9**)

3. Potential ministry

- a) Impartation of spiritual gifts (**Romans 1:11a**)
- b) Establishment of faith (**Romans 1:11b**)
- c) Mutual encouragement (**Romans 1:12**)
- d) Bearing fruit (**Romans 1:13c**)

(III) OPPOSITION TO MINISTRY

"Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles."
Romans 1:13

1. Human hindrance

By the enemies of Paul who were opposed to his ministry and his message (**1 Thessalonians 2:14-16**)

2. Satanic hindrance

Spiritual battle (**Ephesians 6:10-18**)

(IV) APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

- 1. To wait on the Lord for His will to be revealed**
- 2. To pray for the Lord's will to be done**
- 3. To ready oneself for ministry**