

The Three Doors – Free Will
ABT – March 7, 2010
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Text: 1 John 2:15-17

“And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (Verse 17)

1. Who opens and closes doors?

- The Sovereign Will of God

“I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign Lord. I will tell everyone that you alone are just.” Psalm 71:16 NLT

Predestination The action of God in foreordaining from eternity whatever comes to pass.

- The Free Will of man

“Whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.” Romans 8:29

Foreknowledge The knowledge of something before it exists or happens.

2. Do we have a choice when we mess up?

- God is not responsible for tempting us

“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.” James 1:13

3. Does God have a plan for us when we are tempted?

- God allows us to exercise free will when we are tempted

*“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it”
1 Corinthians 10:13*

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Daily Devotional Question for Reflection

Monday – Luke 7:30

Is it possible to reject God's will for your life?

Tuesday – Romans 12:2

Is it possible to change the way you think and do God's will?

Wednesday – Ephesians 6:6

Do you ever find yourself doing things to please people?

Thursday – 1 Thessalonians 4:3

What is God's will for us morally?

Friday – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

What attitude best conforms us to God's will?

Saturday – 1 Peter 2:15

What happens when God's people do God's will?

Sunday – John 9:31

Does doing God's will impact your prayer life?