

New Life





UNDERDOG

Underdog was great at removing the
opposition

However the truth is, just because the
opposition is removed does not
automatically cause forward movement

It takes more than removing the
opposition to move forward

It takes faith, strength, direction,
wisdom, fortitude, and grit

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The Will of God:
God's commanded and preferred
course of being and doing

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Mature:
lacking nothing

Fully assured:
full confident of the truth

The Will of God will mature us and
give us full confidence

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Will we stand in God's will?

Romans 12

Vs 1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship.

Romans 4:7-8

Blessed are they whose transgressions
are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord
will never count against him.

God's Will is that we will be
forgiven

Romans 4:25-5:2

He (Jesus) was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

**God's Will is that we will be a
peace with God**

Vs 2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- His good, pleasing and perfect will.

God's Will is that we will be transformed

Vs 3

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

God's Will is that we will see
ourselves as God sees us

Vs 4-5

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

God's Will is that we will be a part
of the Body

Vs 6-8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it

**God's Will is that we will walk in
our gifting**

Vs 9

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Vs 10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Vs 11

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your
spiritual fervor (*passion*), serving the
Lord.

Vs 12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Vs 13

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Vs 14

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Vs 15

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn
with those who mourn.

Vs 16

Live in harmony with one another. Do
not be proud, but be willing to associate
with people of low position. Do not be
conceited.

Vs 17

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

Vs 18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Vs 19

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Vs 20

On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Vs 21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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