

## God's Bucket List for My Life

### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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### 2018 New Year Challenge

*Sunday December 31, 2017*

*"For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."*  
*Mark 3:35 ESV*

### Four Bucket List Items for 2018

#### 1. Live Up to Who You Are

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*  
*2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV*

*"For this is the will of God, your sanctification:"*

*1 Thessalonians 4:3a ESV*

### The Two Wills of God

#### God's Sovereign Will (Will of Decree)

*"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."*  
*Matthew 26:39 ESV*

#### God's Permissive Will (Will of Command)

*"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;"*  
*1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 ESV*

## January Monthly Memory Verse

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 ESV*

### 2. Choose to Be Happy (Joyful)

*“Rejoice always,”  
1 Thessalonians 5:16 ESV*

*“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”  
Philippians 4:8 ESV*

### 3. Keep Connected with God (Prayerful)

*“pray without ceasing,”  
1 Thessalonians 5:17 ESV*

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”  
Jeremiah 29:11–13 ESV*

### 4. Chose to Trust God (Thankful)

*“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV*

*“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”  
Romans 8:28 ESV*

*“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”  
Philippians 1:6 ESV*

### Will 2018 Be a Year of Growth for Me?

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Mark 3:35 ESV*

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