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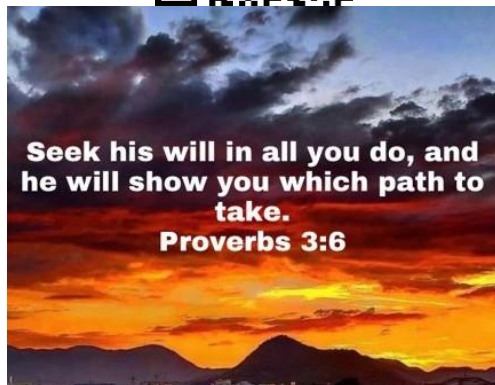
Sermon recordings

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Speaker-AM: Josh Vinyard

Title: The Will of God

Recording:

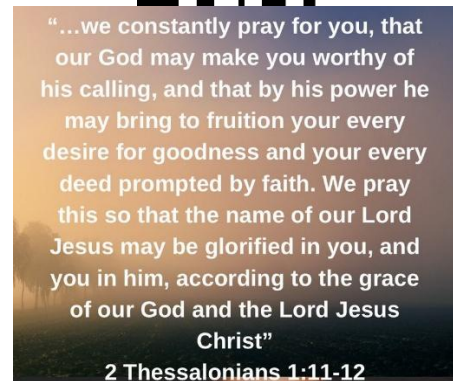


**Seek his will in all you do, and
he will show you which path to
take.
Proverbs 3:6**

Speaker-PM: Brad Bunyard

Title: 2 Thessalonians 1

Recording:



**"...we constantly pray for you, that
our God may make you worthy of
his calling, and that by his power he
may bring to fruition your every
desire for goodness and your every
deed prompted by faith. We pray
this so that the name of our Lord
Jesus may be glorified in you, and
you in him, according to the grace
of our God and the Lord Jesus
Christ"
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**

Articles

God's Job is Perfection; Our Job is Pressing On 4/23/2026 by Edwin Crozier

What a statement Paul made in Philippians 3:12. He had not already obtained the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Neither was he already perfect.

Don't forget Paul's circumstance in writing. He was in prison. For all he knew, he was going to receive a death sentence. He may full well be in the final days of his life. And in that moment, he declared he was not perfect. He hadn't become all he wanted to be in Christ or all Christ wanted him to be. He still had growing to do.

But, he pressed on. He refused to be distracted by the past. He was running a race. He wasn't going to slow down and look backward. He wasn't going to be overcome by past failures. Neither was he going to be distracted by past successes. He was going to keep looking ahead to the goal and pressing on.

He pressed on to make the goal and perfection his own because Christ had made Paul His own. Which calls to mind how Paul started this letter. Paul was confident that the one who started a work in him and in the Philippians would bring it to completion on the day of Christ. That is, He would bring it to perfection.

This drives home the point. Our job is not perfection. That's God's job. Our job is pressing on. If we press on, God will perfect us. Praise the Lord!

But here's the fantastic point. The same Paul who in Philippians 3:12 says, "I am not perfect," said in Philippians 1:22-23 that if he died in that imprisonment, he would go be with the Lord. The path to God is not our perfection. The path to God is Jesus Christ. So, no matter what happened yesterday or today, put your eyes on the prize and press on. God will perfect you. And if you die today in Christ, have faith He will bring you into His eternal home. Praise the Lord!

Guard What Was Entrusted 4/19/2026 by Terry Wane Benton

Paul was passionate about defending the original apostolic teaching that was given by the Holy Spirit. He wept about men corrupting that original teaching and passionately appealed to the elders at Ephesus to be on guard for themselves and that of others who would creep into the flock (Acts 20:28f).

Paul's last letters to Timothy urged him to be alert and careful. I wonder what Timothy did with Paul's last two letters? As he heard that Paul, his special father in the faith, was executed for the faith he held, I would think that these words kept ringing in young Timothy's mind through the years:

"O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge — by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen"(I Timothy 6:20-21 NKJV).

God has committed the perfect law of liberty into our trust. It needs no improvements. It is all-sufficient. God is counting on you to guard it and use it. Don't get sidetracked from it. God has entrusted it to you and is counting on you to protect and share the pure form of that original teaching. It is committed now to your trust. What are you doing with it?