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- 1) **WHAT IS THE GOOD, THE ACCEPTABLE, AND THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD?**
- 2) **AND WHAT KIND OF REWARD CAN WE HAVE IF WE BULD CORRECTLY ON THE "RIGHT FOUNDATION?"**

Read Romans 12:1: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may **prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

QUESTION: What is that "good," and "acceptable," and "perfect," will of God that God instructs us to prove?

1st **GOOD:** The scripture tells us to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (**I Thessalonians 5:21**). By proving all things, we can find that which is good, and then we are to hold it fast, not letting it go.

QUESTION: We are prove what? _____ How are we to hold it? _____

2nd **ACCEPTABLE: Ephesians 5:10** *Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.* Here we are instructed to prove the "acceptable" unto the Lord.

QUESTION: What are we to prove unto the Lord? _____

We are to walk in love just as Christ hath loved us and given himself an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savior, and to be followers of God, as dear children (Eph. 5:1-2). We are not to be partakers with the children of disobedience in the sins of fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, nor jesting, nor idolatry, because ye were sometimes darkness, **BUT NOW are ye light in the Lord:** walk as children of light. "(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:9-11). Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil (V.15). We are to be filled with the Spirit, not drunk with wine; giving thanks unto the Father in the name of Lord; and submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of God, just as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it.

QUESTION: What three things are the fruits of the Spirit? It's all

I Timothy 2:3 *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.* Here we find two things that God desires for all men, and these are both "good and acceptable." 1) Salvation; 2) the Knowledge of Truth.

3rd **PERFECT WILL OF GOD:**

The Lord God called the apostle Paul from heaven's glory to reveal his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, in Paul, by his grace. He made him the apostle to the Gentiles, to make known the knowledge of his wisdom and grace unto all men, thereby making them stablished and perfect sons of God.

I Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit **we speak wisdom among them that are perfect:** yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: **7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:** 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; **that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.** 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.**

QUESTION: The apostle Paul spoke the wisdom of God how? _____
Did Satan know this mystery? Yes _____ or No _____

Satan did not know this hidden wisdom. If he had known, he would not have crucified the Lord of glory. He succeeded in bringing about his own demise. We NOW have the "perfect word of God" written down for us. In our English language, it's the KJV Bible. God instructs us to 1) Study it; 2) Rightly divide the word of truth; 3) Put on the whole armour of God; 4) Stand with truth; 5) Prepared with gospel of peace; 6) Taking shield of faith; 7) Taking helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit (the word of God); 8) Praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching for all saints; 9) Boldly making known the mystery of the gospel. We are God's ambassadors as our apostle Paul was! See Ephesians 6 for our whole armour.

QUESTION: In Ephesians 6:11-17, can you name the armour that we are to put on?

I Corinthians 13:10 But when that which is perfect* is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (*Word of God: There is no more revelation of scripture or visions from God to be given; it was made know to Paul to dispense (Read Ephesians 3:1-4; Revelation 22:18-19.)

I Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I (PAUL) write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

II Corinthians 12:1 It is not expedient for me (PAUL) doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

Galatians 1:10 For do I (PAUL) now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I (PAUL) certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, **but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

QUESTION: Who did the apostle Paul get the revelation of the knowledge of the mystery from? _____

Back to **Romans 12:1-2.** We are not to be conformed to this world: but we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, proving what is good, and acceptable, and

perfect, the will of God. Paul desired to present every man *perfect in Christ*. Perfect is much better than good and acceptable.

Romans 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.***

I Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation **gold, silver, precious stones**, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

QUESTION: If we labour with God and build on the right foundation, which is the Lord Jesus Christ, what kind of reward will we have? G _____, S _____, and P _____ S _____. BUT IF WE BUILD ON THE WRONG FOUNDATION, SUCH AS BUILDING ON THE EARTHLY KINGDOM FOUNDATION, OUR WORK WILL BE LIKE WHAT? _____ And it will be burned up? Will that person still be saved, if their work burns up? Yes _____ or No _____

QUESTION: What kind of foundation should we build upon (v.11)?
