

When is it Right to Exercise Your Will

We've been learning for a long time now to be fully Spirit-led. That's not easy, so we've made extra effort to do it. We've also been learning to bring our mind and soul into subjection to our spirit by making our spirit the dominant component of our being. We've also been ensuring we remain in alignment with the Trinity, as our King has continuously instructed us.

All of that is what Father has shown us that he wants from us as sons who work in partnership with him.

However, in our exuberance to operate accurately in our sonship, we may drift off-centre and operate the way we think we should, as we did in our Charismatic days. The reason for that was (and can be) our desire to do what we think is right, rather than following Kingdom principles. It's easy to do. It's easy to slip up that way and become religious in a tiny way, without even realising it.

Here's how we work against that.

When Father gives us knowledge to follow, like this:

“Are you frustrated by what seems like delay in your advancement? Are you restless and do you long for lasting change? Restlessness comes when you take your eyes off of me. But I call you to rest in my peace and watch me work. Let me be your Sabbath rest.”,¹

We can follow the Spirit's lead, but still find we don't enter the rest that we need. The reason is that we haven't done our part. When we rely on Father will do everything for us, because he said so or because we've asked him, there's still our component that needs to come into play. This is an important point, because as sons, he works with us, not just for our benefit. That partnership comes from being imagers and planet-managers, statuses we received at Creation.

So what's our part then?

Father told us how we are to respond to his offer of being our Sabbath Rest. I've highlighted the verbs which relate to us, to make it quite clear.

*“You may be bombarded with distractions. Many voices and many activities can confuse your heart, but in me there is peace that transcends all understanding. I do not bring you logic, but peace—peace that can never be disturbed or stolen, if your mind is **fixed** on me. **Come** into my ocean of peace, and I will speak the words you need to hear. **Step** into me and remain in the safety of my presence. The world cannot give you the peace you desire. Your place is with me. I long to be your undisturbed peace in times of trouble and change. My plans for you require you to **focus** on me and not on shifting circumstances. **Confine yourself** to me, as a prisoner of love, and you will be nourished by my eternal peace”*²

Can you see the actions we have to take (they're highlighted in yellow)?

Each of those actions requires the exercise of our will. If we don't make it our will to do them, we 'euchre'³ ourselves, and the peace that's on offer doesn't materialise in it's fullness.

That means Father has permitted us to exercise our will, not just follow the Spirit.

As imagers, we have autonomy, but our autonomy we bring into subjection to our King. We don't

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3 – To prevent something taking place. (From the card game called Euchre.)

eliminate it, because if we stop exercising our will, we cease to be imagers, to that extent.

If you don't agree, then listen to Father's directive to exercise our will:

*"I beseech you to rise up in My strength by **the power of your will**. Refuse to give up when life becomes difficult."*⁴

We have to want the things Father has for us as sons – that's exercising our will. Remember, Jesus went to his crucifixion as an act of his will, so that he aligned with Father's plans.

So, we activate our will with sin and we 'knock it on the head' whenever we see it materializing in our lives. That's 'Christianity 101'. But now we know we have to operate out of our will to remain in alignment with Father and to receive everything that's available for us as sons.

Just be careful how you do it. Listen to the Spirit and he'll alert you if you're exercising your will in the wrong way.

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4 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (January 24, 2022) www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm