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The Reason – that we would walk worthy

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2. The will of God is mystical
3. The will of God can be missed

*Common reasons people fail to discern God's Will:*

1. They are too selfish
2. They are too lazy
3. They are too easily distracted

*Key Aspects for discerning God's Will*

1. Information: What we need to know.
2. Application: What we need to do.
3. Implication: Why we need to do it.

*Five Evidences of a Worthy Walk:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Evidence: Your life will be Pleasing to God
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Evidence: Your life will be Producing fruit
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Evidence: Your life will be Progressing in knowledge
- 4<sup>th</sup> Evidence: Your life will be Powered from above
- 5<sup>th</sup> Evidence: Your life will be Persevering with Joy

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