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Will

"Will" is a much different word than "Can." "Can" suggests something I am able to do and might do. But "Will" suggests something I choose to do when I exercise my "will." If we are to be faithful Christians maturing in our discipleship, then we must *choose to grow* as we learn to trust God. Proverbs 3:5-10 promises us that if we trust God and seek Him, He will provide us with overflowing resources. When our WILL is committed to doing GOD'S WILL, and we *choose* to follow our Lord Jesus, our lives will overflow with the generosity we have received from God.

You

"You" focuses on each one of us individually, and our prayerful decisions before the Lord. It's not about anyone else's choices, but it is about each of us individually praying and responding to God's call. Often this requires conversation and prayer with a spouse and/or family. As the Lord speaks to each of our hearts, we can respond in faith, rather than in doubt or despair. Jeremiah 17:7-8 indicates that a person who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted near water. "It does not fear when heat comes,...in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit." YOU can be like a tree planted by the water.

Grow?

"Grow" is a challenge to everyone in the church to take the next step in his or her spiritual life. Psalm 92 reminds us that "The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon In maturity they still produce fruit; they are always green...showing that the Lord is upright;..." When our people grow spiritually, our church will thrive. The Apostle Paul says, "We must no longer be children...but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ..." (Ephesians 4:14-15). It is time for you and me to GROW.

**Giving is not just
a financial decision –
it's a deeply spiritual decision.
Pray about it!**



**When we talk to God in a meaningful way,
we discover...**

It's not about us.
It's about him.

It's not about a budget.
It's about a relationship.

It's not about duty and obligation.
It's about our spiritual growth and transformation.

We give back to God because

God gives the very best to each of us –

given willingly, without hesitation. God sacrifices for us, loves us and desires the best for our lives.

**Nothing invites God
into our lives
like giving.**

It's a tangible way we declare our trust in and commitment to God. Giving often paves the way for God to show up in our lives in a powerful way.