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God's will for you is:

I. SALVATION (I Tim. 2:4; II Pet. 3:9)
(God wants you to be saved)

II. SPIRIT-FULLNESS (Eph. 5:17-18)
(God wants you to be Spirit-filled)

III. SERVICE (Eph. 6:6; Heb. 13:20-21)
(God wants you to serve Him sincerely)

IV. SACRIFICE (II Cor. 8:5; Rom. 12:1-2)
(God wants you to surrender your life to Him)

V. SANCTIFICATION (I Thess. 4:3-8)
(God wants you to be sexually pure)

VI. SUPPLICATION (I Thess. 5:16-18)
(God wants you to seek Him daily)

VII. SUBMISSION (I Pet. 2:13-15)
(God wants you to submit to authority)

VIII. SUFFERING (I Pet. 4:12-19; cp. 3:17)
(God wants you to be willing to suffer for His

sake)