

**The Ministry:**

1. **Have a Personal Commitment to the Will of God**
2. **Persist in Spiritual Efforts**
3. **Follow Peace and Holiness**
4. **Take Seriously Your Place**
5. **Let the Lord Set the Standards**
6. **Don't Wrangle**

**The Idea:** The Lord promised to build the church in Matthew 16 and we know that He is doing it and will do it until all of His program is complete. *In the meantime we are the living stones, the salt, the witnesses and the health and development of our fellowships is left rather much up to us. Certainly the Lord is the dominant factor but, as any reading of church history will show you, the people of His company have enormous responsibilities and gracious privileges and if they do not act on them appropriately, meetings die, testimonies are lost, works for God from a human perspective are frustrated. The idea in this series is to set forth some things that we all can do and in the will of God strengthen the fellowships and enrich our witness. I cannot write it all out in these fractured notes but the Lord will provide the help, as in the Zechariah studies, and He will expect us to bring the muscle. A crude illustration, I fear, but one I can understand.*

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**MESSAGE # 1: HAVE A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE WILL OF GOD**

Biblical Passages: Hebrews 10

**I. Introducing the Subject:**

Basic to everything else, of course, is a positive knowledge of the Lord Jesus and an understanding of the truth of Romans 5:1 and other vital "position" Scriptures. But in building or strengthening the local testimony, the feature I am not describing is of first rate. The will of God, that which is announced in the Scriptures, must be superior to all other authority levels. You will discover that in a lot of the cases where believers are unhappy with their fellowship or their brothers and sisters in general, the problem is an unwillingness to be guided by the Word of God. And when we are doing our own thing, it is hard to tell how far