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Willing God's Will Leads to Knowing Christ's Word

- In the Christian life, there is an unbreakable connection between the head and heart.
- Disobeying the will of God will only confuse you about the word of God.
- Unbelief causes misunderstanding.

Submitting to God's Will Means Loving God's Glory

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- Jesus deflected human praise in order to bring glory to God.
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Seduced by Shells: We Must Judge with Right Judgment

- The Jews admired Jesus' learning, not the truth of his teaching.
- They were not touched spiritually, but were amazed academically.
 - We must be careful not to judge based on outward appearances.
 - Learning is the shell. Truth is the kernel.

Humility Has Eyes: We Cannot Know Jesus Until We Submit To His Will

- The greatest obstacle to knowing Christ is not deficient resources but deep rebellion against God.
 - Rebellion is willing what the devil wills. (John 8:43-44)
 - Rebellion blinds us to God's will.
- The Jews showed their rebellion by their disobedience to the Law.
 - They resisted the law of God.
 - They rejected the God of the law.
- Willing to do God's will will open your eyes to knowing Christ's word.
 - This requires humility of heart.
 - This requires repentance of sin.
 - This requires submission to God.

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