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

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- Unbelief causes misunderstanding.

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

- Jesus' brothers and the Jewish crowds **desired** human praise to bring glory to themselves.
- Jesus **deflected** human praise in order to bring glory to God.
  - We must love making much of **God** more than we love people making much of us.
  - If we do not love God's glory, we will not love Jesus who lived for God's glory.

**Seduced by Shells: We Must Judge with Right Judgment**

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- 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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