

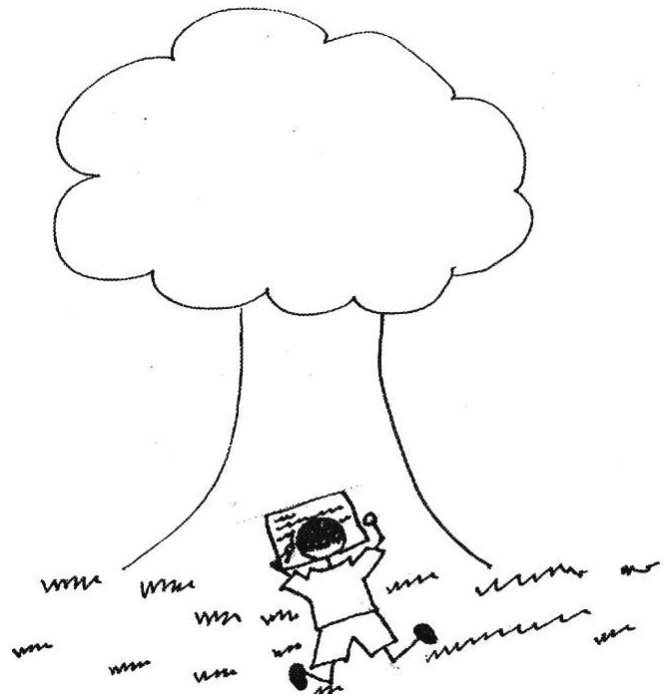
God Decreed It To Happen

Part 5

In the divine decrees, God shows His will in five ways.

Dear God,

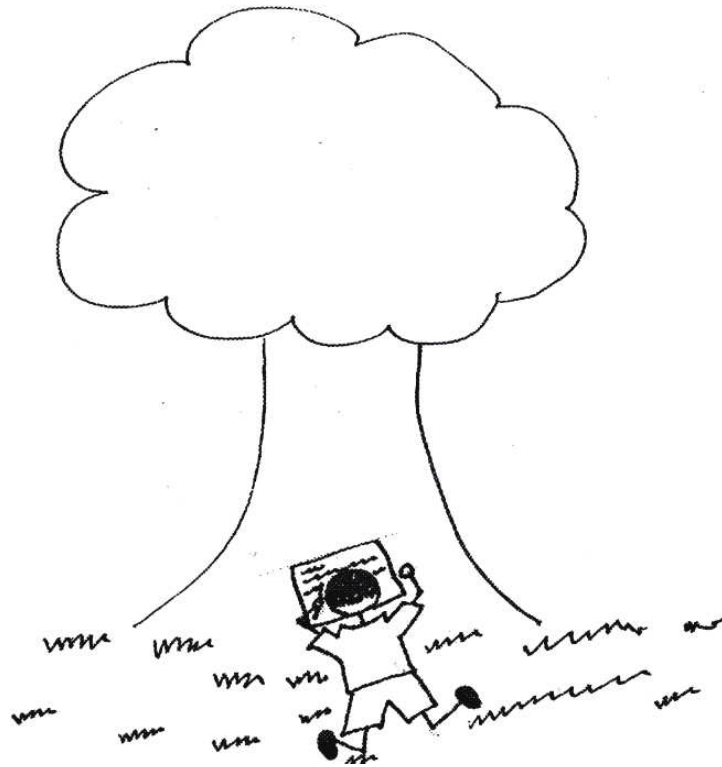
Thank you for using your **preventative will** for me. You use my parents, teachers, laws to prevent me from getting into trouble. You also give me Your Word and the Holy Spirit as a way to prevent sin and evil in my life. When I go in wrong directions, sometimes You make it difficult for me to go in those ways. The cosmic system has really deceived me at times! In those times, You gave me some mental and physical suffering, and I turned back to Your word. You prevented me from going too far off track! Big time THANKS!



Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted [having mental or physical suffering] I went astray, but now I keep Thy word.

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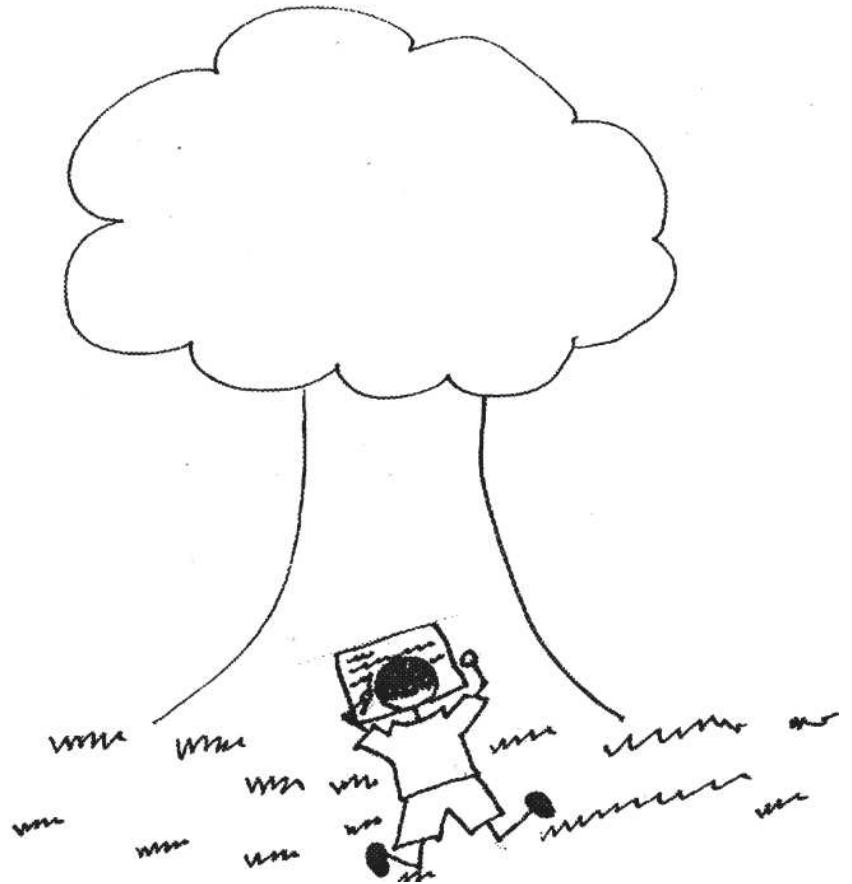
In Your **permissive will**, You let me go my own way at times. You want to test what is in my mind to see which way I will go. This points out to me what I am really like. When I go my way, there is a lot of chaos in my life. Then I have to suffer the consequences of my actions! Not a lot of fun! When I choose Your way, I'm using Your thinking which I get from Bible doctrine and the filling of the Holy Spirit. This gives me a relaxed mental attitude! What peace!



2 Chronicles 32:31 *Even in the matter of the envoys of the rulers of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that had happened in the land, God left him *alone only* to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.*

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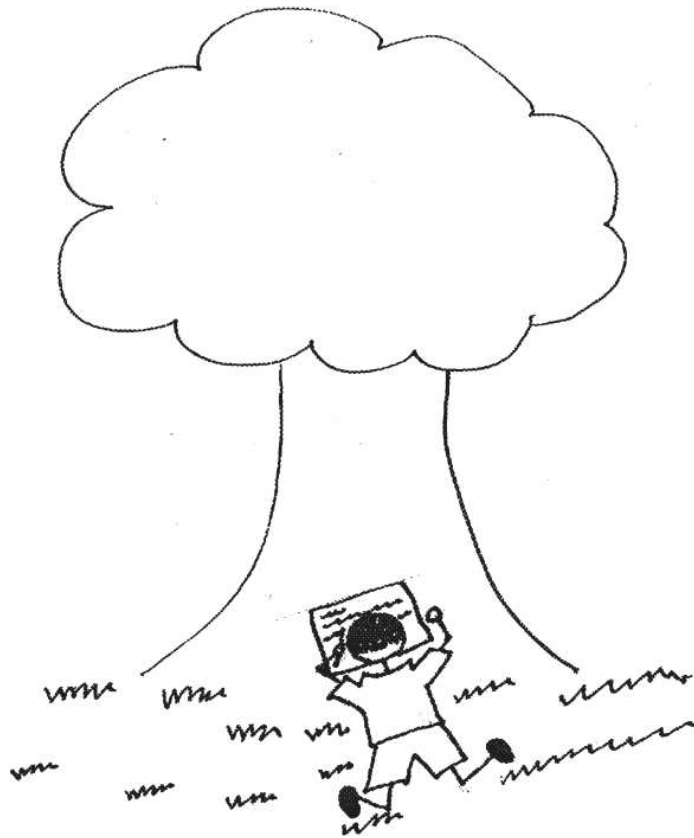
In Your **directive will**, You are the Director! You guide my ways. Many times I don't even realize that You are directing me in a certain direction! You never go against my free will, but You bring circumstances in my life that will lead me a certain way. You bring certain annoying people into my life to see if I will really use the ten problem solving devices. You want me to grow spiritually, so You give me the opportunity!



Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Dear God,

Thank you for Your **determinative will** and for taking care of my entire life. You have determined or decided how all of life will happen. This certainly makes me relax because I know that You have everything in control. All that I need to do is to rely on You. God, You are sooo awesome!



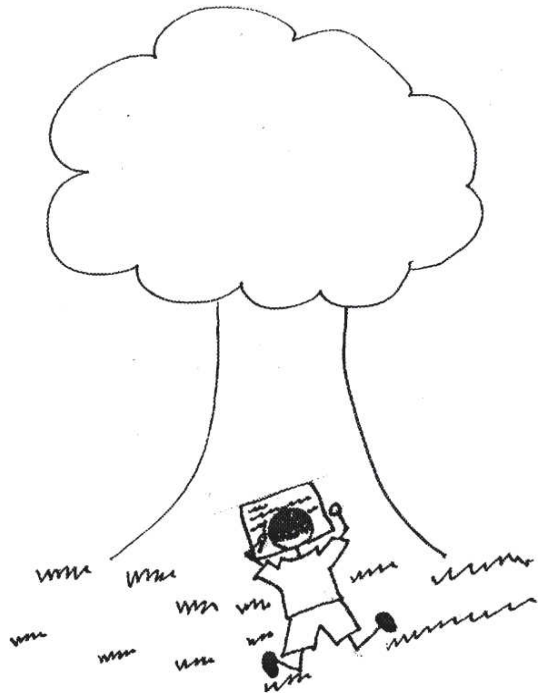
Isaiah 46:10-11 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, "My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure; calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned *it*, surely I will do it.

Dear God,

Everything that You do is because of **grace**. We don't earn or deserve anything! All that we have is because of Your characteristics: love, justice, righteousness, sovereign, omniscient, omnipresence, omnipotent, immutable, and eternal. You have it all! And You want to show us Your grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love. We are not here to impress You, but for You to show us Your good pleasure and glory. You show us Your glory in many ways, one being when You bless us. You are the Best! I am so grateful!

Your loving child,

(put in your name)



Ephesians 2:4-7 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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