

DO PERSONAL BEINGS HAVE "FREE WILL"?

(1) If "free will" means that human beings have the innate power to make meaningful, responsible choices within the range of options open to them, then human beings DO have free will.

(2) If "free will" means that the choices of human beings are not determined by genetic and environmental factors, then human beings DO have free will.

(3) If "free will" means that the choices of human beings are not influenced by genetic and environmental factors, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(4) If "free will" means that the will is free from spiritual death, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(5) If "free will" means that human beings are free from bondage to innate moral depravity, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(6) If "free will" means that human beings are free from bondage to Satan, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(7) If "free will" means that human beings have the innate power to consistently choose contrary to the settled sinful inclination or disposition of their nature, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(8) If "free will" means that human depravity extends to the whole of human nature except the will, so that the will does not contribute evil inclinations to its choices, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(9) If "free will" means that human beings have the innate power, by an act of the will, to change the ruling inclination or disposition of their nature from sinfulness to righteousness, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(10) If "free will" means that human beings have the innate power, by an act of the will, to make themselves spiritually alive, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(11) If "free will" means that human beings have the innate power to choose whatever they please, then human beings DO have free will. The question is whether, apart from the grace of God, they please to choose the GOOD, or consistently choose the better. And the answer is that they do NOT.

(12) If "free will" means that human beings have the innate power to do things that please God, then human beings do NOT have free will.

(13) If "free will" means that regenerated human beings on earth have the ability to keep from committing sin for the rest of their life, then regenerate persons do NOT have free will.

(14) If "free will" means that perfected believers in heaven have the ability to sin, then perfected believers do NOT have free will.

(15) If "free will" means that angels are presently able to sin, or that Satan is able to keep from sinning, then angels and Satan do NOT have free will.

(16) If "free will" means that God has the ability to sin, then God does NOT have free will.