

**"On Doing the Will of Jesus"
by St. Ignatius Brianchaninov
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"Make your one aim in life the doing of the will of Jesus in every circumstance, however unimportant or trifling it may seem.

Try to do only what is pleasing to Jesus,
and all your actions will be equally worthy of heaven.
Love doing the will of Jesus more than the desires of your flesh,
more than your ease and comforts, more than life, more than your soul.

As often as possible read the Gospel,
and learn in it the will of your Lord and Savior.
Do not disregard the smallest feature of the Gospel,
not the least commandment, however unimportant it may seem.

Let Jesus alone act within you by His most holy commandments,
and by the thoughts and feelings that arise from these commandments.
If you live in this way,
the prayer of Jesus will certainly blossom within you.

Life according to the commandments of the Gospel
is the one true source of spiritual progress,
accessible to everyone who sincerely desires to be faithful
in whatever outward situation he may be placed
by the inscrutable providence of God."