

Why and How I Obey God's Word

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Bible was not given just to increase our knowledge.
- B. It was given to guide our conduct. (James 1:22)

II. Why we should obey the Word of God.

- A. God commanded it. (Joshua 1:8; Matthew 7:24-27; Ezekiel 33:31-32)
 - 1. He has absolute authority as the author of the universe.
 - 2. God's commandments are good. (1 John 5:3; Galatians 5:19-23; Romans 7:12)
- B. God loves us. (John 3:16; Romans 12:1; Genesis 9)
- C. We love God, which is proved by obedience. (John 14:21; Luke 6:46)
- D. God is worthy of our obedience. (Revelation 4:11; 5:12; Romans 2:23)

III. How we should obey the Word of God. (Galatians 5:17)

- A. We have to know his commandments in the Scripture. (James 1:25)
 - 1. Look intently. (Proverbs 2:1-3, 9-12)
 - a. We must have a teachable spirit.
 - b. We must work hard at digging into the Scriptures.
 - c. We must look God for insight in prayerful dependence.
 - d. We will then come to know the Lord and know what is right.
 - 2. Do not forget.
 - a. We must store the Word in our hearts so that the Spirit of God can bring it to mind when we know it. (Proverbs 2; 7:1; Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 4:25)
 - b. We are to think about it and reflect on it. (Joshua 1:8)
 - 3. Do it. (Psalm 119:4; 2 Timothy 3:16)
 - a. Scripture is profitable for teaching.
 - b. Scripture is profitable for reproof.

c. Scripture is profitable for correction.

d. Scripture is profitable for training.

B. The Word must be obeyed over and over again.

C. There is forgiveness for when we fail. (1 John 1:9)

Application questions:

1. What are some other reasons we might obey God's Word?

2. How can we get out of a cycle of disobedience?

3. What can you do to graciously encourage others to obedience?
