

When Obedience to God's Commands Is Not Easy

Selected Scriptures

1. James 1:19-27

- A. Is it easy merely to be a hearer of God's Word? If so, why?
- B. How is a person who is only a hearer characterized?
- C. How is a person who is a hearer and a doer characterized?

2. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- A. What is the purpose of discipline that Paul is describing?
- B. How does the picture of bodily discipline regarding Christian liberty relate to the need to be an effectual doer of God's Word?

3. Galatians 5:16-26

- A. What is both a prerequisite and a determining factor in a Christian not doing the sinful things that you desire to do (v.16)
- B. What is the conflict that Paul describes here (vs.16-17)?
- C. What is the description of a Christian's actions and attitude towards the desires of the flesh (v.24)?
- D. Does Paul describe the crucifixion of passions as something that, once done, a Christian no longer has to be engaged in (vs.25-26)?

4. Ephesians 5:15-21

- A. What words does Paul use to describe how a Christian ought to live (v.15)?
- B. What does Paul state should be the controlling influence of the Christian life (v.18)?
- C. What does it mean to be 'filled with the Spirit' (v.18; see Col. 3:12-17)?

5. Psalm 1:1-2

- A. What does the Psalmist describe as the activity of the blessed man (v.1)?
- B. What does the Psalmist describe as the desire of the blessed man (v.2)?
- C. How does the activity of v.1 relate to the desire of v.2?