

Why and How I Obey God's Word

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I. Introduction.

- A. We do not absorb Christian lifestyle by those around us. (Psalm 119:4)
- B. We should work after God's precepts.

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. (Galatians 5:19-23)
- B. God loves us. (John 3:16; Romans 12:1)
- 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)

III. How we should obey the Word of God.

- 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. (Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 7:1)
 - 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. (Proverbs 3:9-10)
 - b. Scripture is profitable for reproof.

c. Scripture is profitable for correction.

d. Scripture is profitable for training.

B. We must obey by the power of God's Spirit. (Philippians 2:12-13)

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?
