

Questions and Answers: How Do We Keep Going?

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I. Introduction.

II. Tensions between church and family.

A. One of the requirements for ministry is a godly home.

B. There is no conflict between the church and family.

III. What makes a godly family: love, truth and discipline.

IV. An Old Testament commentary.

V. How to select an assistant pastor.

A. Question the resume.

B. Start with a gut level feeling.

C. Ask questions about the candidate's devotional life, management style, etc.

VI. Do not become a system disciple because we know in part. Read theological systems you disagree with.

VII. Feeling stagnant.

A. Sometimes the most spiritual thing one can do is take a nap.

B. We all have stagnant periods.

VIII. Calvinism or Arminianism.

A. No system is perfect.

B. Watch out for extremes.

C. Sovereignty and Calvary must be held in balance.

IX. Daily quiet time.

A. The test of Bible study is a burning heart.

B. God wants us our minds to be renewed. (Romans 12)

C. Our imaginations should bring life.

X. Making the right decisions.

A. Can we do it by faith?

- B. Are we doing it for God's glory?
- C. Can we wait? (Hebrews 6)
- D. Is there joy and peace inside? (Romans 4)

XI. Writing is difficult.

XII. We must separate personal fellowship from personal positions.

XIII. Discerning whether desires are godly or selfish. Take godly counsel, and wait on the Lord.

Application questions:

1. How should we respond to extreme forms of Calvinism or Arminianism? What do these look like?

2. Which test for decision-making do you find most helpful? Explain.

3. Which tip did you find most valuable from the question-answer session? How might your life look different as a result?
