

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. It was given to guide our conduct.

B. We should work after God's precepts. (James 1:22; Psalm 123:4)

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. (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. (John 14:21; James 1:25)

1. Look intently. (Proverbs 2:1-3, 9-12; 2 Timothy 3:16)

a. We must look to the Scriptures in prayerful dependence.

b. We will then come to know the Lord and know what is right.

2. Do not forget.

a. Memorization is one method that works.

b. The Spirit of God can bring it to mind when we know it.

c. We are to think about it and reflect on it. (Joshua 1:8)

3. Do it. (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. 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?
