

Habakkuk 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Man was made to be a ruler over everything but himself so that God could rule through him. (Genesis 1)

II. The test set up for man.

A. God made a rule because of free will—he did not want us to be robots.

1. The point was a choice to rule oneself or to be ruled.
2. The tree gave man a decision.
3. God built into humanity a desire to give himself away.
4. God was willing to pay the price of human freedom because he is a lover.

B. We do not have strength apart from the energy and strength of Christ.

1. The moment the branch stops depending on the vine.
2. Like light bulbs we were made to shine. We need to dedicate ourselves to God to shine.
3. We do not have what it takes to be human apart from God.
4. The job of the Christian life has to be borrowed, but the Christian life has to be exercised by the Christian once it is received.
5. The Christian life is impossible without appropriating the death and life of Jesus Christ.
6. We live by faith, which is dependence, upon God. (Galatians 2:20)

III. The Fall.

Application questions:

1. Why did God put the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden?

2. What role does self-effort play in the Christian life? Explain.

3. How can a Christian live life to his or her fullest? Explain.
