

Foundations Lesson 8

Practice Achieves Lasting Change

Introduction

Outline

- Define obedience
- General observations about trials
- How our trials work to change us
- How to persevere through times of trial

1. Define Obedience

a. True change results when we:

1. Acknowledge our Lordship of Jesus Christ and make a _____ to be a doer of the word.
2. We discipline ourselves to _____ the word daily
3. We _____ in doing the word throughout the remainder of our Christian experience.

b. Misconceptions about obedience

1. Obedience must be on God's _____ not, our own. **1 Sam 15:13 -15**
2. Obedience is not mere _____ activity. **Matt 7:21-23**
3. Obedience is not _____ to one area of Christian experience. **Rev 2: 1-5**

c. Obedience defined

1. Obedience assumes a correct _____ of what we hear. **Lk 8: 11-18**

2. Obedience is when we strive to do the _____ of God in all _____ at all _____.
- 1 Corinth 10:31**

2. General observations about trials

- We must realize that God ultimately _____ all our trials **James 1:1-8**
- We mustn't make _____ the primary focus of trial but _____ the will of God 2 Corinth 12:
- We should _____ them to happen to us. **1 Pet 4: 12-13**
- We must learn to _____ through our trials, by committing to do the will of God. **Job 1:20-22,**
- The goal of our trials is to _____ obedience **Heb 4:15, 2:18, 5:8**

3. How our trials work to change us

Three characters involved with every temptation

- God's, involvement is to _____ our loyalty. **Duet 8:1-2**
- Satan's involvement is to _____ us to sin **Matt 4:1**
- Our involvement is to _____ in doing the will of God. **1Pet 4:2**

Six benefits of being tried and tested

1. Trials are necessary to build _____ **1 Pet 1:5-7**
2. Trials are necessary for us to gauge our _____ **Matt 7:24-27**
3. Trials are necessary to help us develop _____ or wisdom. **Heb 5:12-14**
4. Trials are necessary to avoid _____ - _____ **James 1: 22-26**
5. Trials are necessary to teach us to love and _____ on the Lord Jesus. **2Cor 12: 8-10**
6. Trials are necessary to build spiritual _____. **James 1:12, 1 Cor 10: 13**

4. How to persevere through times of trial

- God will never leave or forsake us as we commit to do his will. **Deut 31:6, Heb 13: 5**

- God promises our trials will result in good when we trust him with the results. **Rom 8:28, James 5:10-11**
- God promises to reward those whose lives are marked by true sanctification with Heaven **Matt 5:10-12, Rom 8:18**

