

Living Life God's Way

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We've been learning what God has said about himself and about our life with him. But we are not only to believe these points of doctrine; we are to allow them to affect our behavior. Here at Dayspring, we actually teach that followers of Christ should follow Christ! The world is waiting for us to end our hypocrisy and to demonstrate integrity. Let's live life God's way!

- 1. Doing what God says is _____ to be considered as _____.**
- 2. Doing what God says leads to _____, but disobedience leads to _____.**
- 3. Doing what God says is not a way to _____ salvation, but an expression of _____ and an act of _____.**
- 4. Doing what God says is easier when you give _____ away.**

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. When you read, what do you read? Sports magazines? Romance novels? Home improvement books? We all need hobbies, but they need to be seen in perspective. Compare your interests. How does your commitment to learn more about God compare with your pursuit of other passions?
2. Christians are not to be chameleons. This type of lizard adapts to blend into its environment. It can't be distinguished from its surroundings. Do you find yourself changing to fit in, rather than being brave enough to stick out by living a truly alternative lifestyle?
3. Notice the phrase in the Great Commission that involves our responsibility to teach obedience (Matt 28:20). How can we do that? What can Christians do to help others follow Christ?
4. Of the many verses mentioned in the message, which ones about the consequences of obedience stood out to you?
5. And which of the verses concerning the consequences of disobedience made an impression on you? Why?
6. Jesus had strong words about hypocrisy, which is essentially saying one thing and doing another. When we say, "I follow Jesus," do we? What area of your life needs to come under the control of Christ?
7. If we cannot earn our salvation by being good, why should we even try to obey? What is the motivation to do what God says?
8. Think of what Jesus said about how we are to live our lives (Matt. 16:24,25). How do his words fit in with Gal. 2:20?
9. Picture what life would be like in your family and in our community if Christians really acted like Christians? How can this kind of living be more than an act for us?

