

Doing what the Word Says is Much More Difficult that Many Let On.

And It's Impossible to Do the Word without First Knowing The Word. Then It's Still Impossible without Abiding Closely in Christ, Following Him, Listening to Him Ready to Execute a Command Like a Soldier.

It seems that many if not most Christians these days, or maybe it's just this country, do not understand what the Lordship of God is. Lord means that God, Jesus is the boss, your Commander or as a Parent to a child you must obey! This is what confessing "Jesus is Lord" means! "Ohh... That's what Jesus is Lord means!" many may say. Don't worry It took me 17 years of blessing and spankings to finally get it.

That reminds me... I went to a really tough High School, 3rd ranked in the country at the time. Man It was tough. Towards the end of my first year at this high school, it was 10th grade and I was 16, I called up my dad and said, "Dad, you didn't spank me enough." He said something like, "What? What the heck are you talking about. " I replied, "The rebellion, the inner rebellion is still part of my nature and it's hurting me now. It's holding me back. I keep trying to go against my teacher and do things my own way. It would be great if my own way was brilliant but it usually stinks!" My dad laughed out loud hard. He said something like, "Son that's really great that you can realize that. But sorry. No more spankings. You're too big. Especially after all of that weight lifting. You're just going to have to let go of that rebellious nature and trust."

Little did I know that that exchange over the pay phone from my dorm room would be a future message for me and you today. "[It is hard for you to kick against the goads](#)" The more you rebel the more problems you cause for yourself. ([see this explanation](#)). I have been making life hard for myself for many years due to the rebellious nature that was never fully driven out of me. I want to keep doing things my way. What way was that? I don't know. Just my way. I didn't want "anyone telling me what to do". I didn't want to trust anyone, only myself.

Well thank the Lord that He's Awesome, kind, merciful, patient and just really neat. He worked with me, in love and sometimes stern love and showed me a MUCH easier way to be

WAY more successful in everything I do. And that Way is to open up, read the Word continually, do what the Word says, pray and keep praying until I let go of myself, calm down, trust and listen, do as the Lord commands in real time, follow what the Lord says first, not others, not other preachers not society, not anyone else, put the Kingdom first, love God and the brothers and sisters in Christ and relax into Jesus which is abiding in Him.

If you can do what I just mentioned now you can save yourself a lot of pain, and I had to go through a lot of pain in order to break my inner rebellion. Rebelling against God outwardly or on your deepest personal level is really dumb, it benefits no one, especially you and it makes no sense.

After getting to know the Word well over the past 18 years I realized that God says what He means and means what He says. I realized that If I'm not doing what the Bible says I should be doing, I'm in trouble. Period.

Boy there has been so much confusion regarding how we should be as Christians over the past couple decades. As churches became more ambitious, churches changed. They started developing their own personal ambitions in the flesh, for their flesh's sake. They wanted to do their own thing. They wanted to compete with the latest mega church. They wanted big followings, fame, to sell a lot of books, CD's and videos and essentially make a lot of money.

In order to do this pastors, (priests were long gone hundreds of years ago... so they are not even in this discussion) they pulled away from working closely with God, submitting to God, listening to God on a personal level. They they started picking and choosing what verses of the Bible they would preach or not preach upon. They they started combining verses to imply a different, softer, more, what they thought to be, :“appealing” sounding meaning. Then they drifted so far from the Word that they started making up new meanings for Scripture intentionally or out of ignorance. Unfortunately, since they turned away from and essentially rebelled against God, from knowing His Word, from personally submitting to and walking with God they started leading their congregation astray preaching “smooth words” they they thought their congregation's “itching ears would want to hear”.

It's not all the preachers fault. If the congregation rebels due to feasting their flesh vs. feeding the Spirit with the popular rebellious message of the day then they start to demand softer Gospels that make them feel only warm and fuzzy. One who is in sin always gets initially angry when they are called out on their sin. We all do that. So then we come to [Timothy 4:3](#) “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.” Due to the Internet with the bombardment and

availability of various seducing, information sources and the new “status quo” through social media people who claim to be followers of Christ started slowly following all sorts of different things...

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