

One Step to Freedom Chapter 4: Lesson 2 - Obedience to God's Word

BE A DOER OF GOD'S WORD

Romans 2:13 (NKJV) ¹³ For not the hearers of the law (*God's Word*) are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law (*God's Word*) will be justified;

1.) *According to this verse who is considered justified in the sight of God?*

**In this lesson, the theme is to be a doer of God's Word. We must also obey by doing what the Bible says in order to overcome trials and temptations:*

James 1:21-25 (NKJV) ^{21a} Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, ^band receive with meekness the implanted word, ^cwhich is able to save your souls. ²² **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves** ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ **But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty (*God's Word*) and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.**

1.) *In vs.21a; What are we to lay aside?*

2.) *In vs.21b; What are we to receive and how are we to receive it?*

3.) *In vs.21c; What is the thing received, able to do?*

4.) *In vs.22; What happens to the one that only hears The Word of God but doesn't do The word of God?*

5.) *In vs.23; Who is the one who hears God's Word but doesn't do God's Word likened to?*

6.) *In vs.24; What is the conduct/behavior of that man/woman who hears but does not do God's Word?*

7.) *In vs.25; What is the promise to those who hear and do God's Word?*

**How to be a doer of the Word of God:*

Luke 6:47-48 (NKJV) ⁴⁷ Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

1.) *In vs.47; What are the things Jesus tells us we should be doing?*

2.) *In vs.48; What is a person likened to who does the things Jesus tells them to do?*

3.) *In vs 48; What does the Rock refer to? Ref;1Corinthians 3:10-11*

**Being a doer of God`s Word by imitating God:*

**Ephesians 5:1-2 (NKJV) Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.
² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

1.) *What are the instructions given how to be a doer of God`s Word in these verses?*

**Being a doer of God`s Word by walking worthy of The Lord:*

Colossians 1:10-12 (NKJV) ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, ^abeing fruitful in every good work and ^bincreasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ ^cstrengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, ^dfor all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² ^egiving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

1.) *How do we “do” walking worthy of The Lord, according to these verses?(Hint a-e)*

**Being a doer of God`s Word following the example of Jesus Christ doing the will of God:*

John 6:38 (NKJV) ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

1.) *What is God`s will?*

**Being a doer of God`s Word by walking in Jesus Christ:*

Colossians 2:6-7(NKJV) ^{6a} As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, ^bso walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

1.) *In vs.6a; How have we received Christ Jesus?*

2.) *In vs.6b; what is the common element in receiving and walking in Jesus Christ?*

3.) *In vs.7; What is the further instruction how to walk in Jesus Christ?*

**Being a doer of God`s Word by walking and conducting ourselves in the same manner as Jesus Christ walked and conducted Himself:*

1 John 2:6 (AMP) ⁶Whoever says he ^aabides in Him (*Jesus Christ*) ought to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He walked and conducted Himself.

1.) *In vs.6a; How does it tell that we can begin to walk and conduct ourselves like Jesus Christ?*

**Examples of how Jesus Christ walked and conducted himself:*

John 13:14-15 (NKJV) *Jesus speaking;* ¹⁴ If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another`s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

1.) *What is the example Jesus gave us to follow in these verses?*

2.) *In what ways can we fulfill this example?*

**Examples of how Jesus Christ walked and conducted himself: continued...*

1 Peter 2:21 (NKJV) ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

- 1.) *What is the example Jesus gave us to follow in this verse?*
- 2.) *In What ways can we fulfill this example?*
- 3.) *What verses can we call to mind that would speak to this calling?*

**Reflection: Are you suffering for Jesus Christ sake or Are you suffering as a result of doing something for your own sake?*

Matthew 20:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

- 1.) *What is the example Jesus gave us to follow in these verses?*
- 2.) *In what ways can we fulfill this example?*

Ephesians 5:2 (NKJV) ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

- 1.) *What is the example Jesus gave us to follow in these verses?*
- 2.) *How can we fulfill this example?*

1 John 3:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

- 1.) *What is the example Jesus gave us to follow in these verses?*
- 2.) *How can we fulfill this example?*

**Being doers of The Word of God by operating in the mindset of Jesus Christ:*

Philippians 2:5-8(NKJV) ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

1.) What are the different characteristics of the mindset of Jesus Christ according to these verses?

**Being a doer of God`s Word by walking in newness of life:*

Romans 6:4 (NKJV) ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of The Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**

1.) How can we say we are instructed to walk in newness of life according to the example of Christ`s death and resurrection?

**The newness of life described:*

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

1.) What are some ways we can practically apply this verse to our addictions?

**Examples of walking in the newness of life:*

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. *Ref ; James 2:17*

1.) What scripture comes to mind in reference to 2 cor 5:7?

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

1.) What scripture verses can we bring to mind to help us walk in the Spirit?

Colossians 4:5 (NKJV)⁵ Walk in wisdom toward those *who are outside*, redeeming the time.

1.) *Who are those outside referring to?*

2.) *What scripture verses can we bring to mind to instruct us how to Walk_in wisdom toward those who are outside?*

3.) *What does redeeming the time speak to?*

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1.) *What good works are we to walk in?*

Colossians 1:10 (NKJV)¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

1.) *What are two ways listed in this verse telling us how to walk worthy of The Lord?*

2.) *What other ways can we think of to walk worthy of The Lord?*

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NKJV) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1.) *What are we called to?*

2.) *What is the instruction given to walk worthy of our calling in these verses?*

**Conduct of the newness of life:*

Philippians 1:27-28 (NKJV) ²⁷ Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, ^a so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, ^b that you stand fast in one spirit, ^c with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, ^a which is to them a proof of perdition, ^b but to you of salvation, and that from God.

1.) *In this verse, what are the instructions given for worthy conduct of The Gospel?*

2.) *In vs.28; What is the twofold result in following these instruction of worthy conduct of The Gospel of Christ? (hint; a and b)*

1 Peter 2:1 (NKJV) ^{12a} having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, ^b that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. *Reference; James 3:13*

1.) *In vs.12a; What is the instruction given for our conduct?*

2.) *In vs.12b; What is the reason given for conducting ourselves this way?*

**Doing God`s Word by living by and feeding on it:*

Matthew 4:4(NKJV) ⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

References; Deuteronomy 8:3, John 4:34, Jeremiah 15:16, Job 23:12, John 6:35

**Doing God`s Word by Dwelling in it:*

Colossians 3:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell (*taking up permanent residence in your heart and mind*) in you (*manifesting itself*) richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1.) *According to this verse; How should the indwelling Word of God be manifesting itself outwardly in our lives?*

**Doing God`s Word by meditating on it day and night:*

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, ^a that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. ^b For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

1.) In vs8a; what is the instruction given how to meditate on God`s Word.

2.) In vs.8b; What is the promised result of following these instructions of meditating on God`s Word?

**Doing God`s Word by storing it in our hearts:*

Psalm 119:11 (AMP) ¹¹ Your Word I have treasured *and* stored in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

1.) What is the reason given by the psalmist for storing God`s Word in his heart?

**Doing God`s Word by keeping it:*

John 14:23 (NKJV) ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

1.) In this verse, What are the promises given for those that keep God`s Word?

1 John 2:5 (NKJV) ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

1.) According to this verse, What are the results of keeping God`s Word?

1.) What is the promise given in this verse for those who keep God`s Word?

Proverbs 4:20-21 (NKJV) ²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

1.) *What are the instructions given in these verses regarding God`s Word?*

**Doing God`s Word by continuing in it;*

John 8:31-32 (KJV) "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;" "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free".

1.) *what are the promises given in these verses to those who continue in God`s Word?*

**The blessings of doing God`s Word:*

James 1:25 (NKJV) ²⁵ But he who ^a looks into the perfect law of liberty and ^b continues *in it*, ^c and is not a forgetful hearer ^d but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

1.) *In this verse, what are the four elements in the equation for being blessed in what we do? (hint a-d)*

John 13:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

1.) *Looking back in John chapter 3 leading up to verse 17; What are the things Jesus is speaking about in this verse?*

Luke 11:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

1.) *Looking at the previous verse, Luke 11:27; What is the "more than that" spoken of by Jesus in this verse?*

**How not to be a doer of God's Word:*

Ezekiel 33:31-32 (NKJV) ³¹ So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, *but* their hearts pursue their own gain. ³² Indeed you *are* to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.

**Warnings of hearing God's Word and not doing God's Word;*

Matthew 7:26 (NKJV) ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

1.) *In vs.26; What is the person who hears but does `nt do God's word likened to?*

2.) *In vs.27; What does rain, wind and floods refer to?*

3.) *What is the result of the rain, winds and flood beating upon the house of those who hear but dont do God's Word?*