# Are You Living by the Word of God?

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## INTRODUCTION

- The question I want to ask you tonight is whether or not you are living by the word of God.
- Because it's important to your eternal destiny that the answer to that question be yes.
- He fought that temptation with the most powerful tool at his disposal. That is the word of God.

## 1 To Know and Understand the Word of God

**2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:14–16; Matthew 19:9**

- To live by the word of God is to know and understand the word of God.
- Be diligent to present yourself. Approved to God. A worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- Because you can't live by that which you do not know.
- He didn't say they were impossible to understand. He didn't say you couldn't understand. He just said it was hard.
- You've got to get all that God has to say on this subject to properly understand that passage.
- We need to take everything that God has to say on that subject, and then we have truth.

## 2 To Obey the Word of God

**John 14:15; James 1:21–27; 2 Corinthians 5:9**

- If we're going to live by the word of God, we must obey God's word.
- If you love me, keep my commandments.
- But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- Nobody's going to get to heaven based on obedience and the record alone. But obedience is required. It's a condition of that grace.
- Grace is not a license to sin.
- Therefore we make it our aim. Whether present or absent to be well pleasing to him.

## 3 To Totally Submit Your Will to the Will of God

**Matthew 19:16–22; Romans 12:1–2**

- To live by the Word of God is to totally submit your will to the will of God.
- He hadn't totally submitted himself to God's will, because if he had, he would have done it.
- There's no moderation in Christianity. It is an all or nothing proposition.
- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice. Holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
- The only rational response to a God who has created everything is for us to give up of all of our entire being.

- What we think needs to be brought under submission to God's will.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Now I ask the question, are you living by the word of God? And if not, when are you going to repent of that?**

MY NOTES