Bumby Bible Questions 6

Ken & Gregory · Series: **Bumby Bible Questions**

INTRODUCTION

- Now it's our goal to do this every fourth Sunday at the 9 a.m. service.
- This shows your interest in the Word of God and your concern about spiritual things.
- We're going to try to get through about three or four questions.

1 Should We Spend More Time in Prayer During Worship?

Acts 12:12

- So we know there's different types of prayer. There's public prayer and private prayer.
- What you see in Acts 12 and verse 12 is that several people have gathered together to pray, to trust this deep issue that was bothering them to God who is in control of it all.
- Public prayer should never take the place of private prayer.
- The primary means of prayer is you going privately with your Father, pouring your heart out to him for as long as is needed.
- We need to pray not only for the same things, but pray together for the same things. And so that's why it's so valuable to be praying in worship.

2 What Do People Mean by You're Being Legalistic?

Ephesians 2:8–10; Acts 2:42; Matthew 23:23

- The definition is strict adherence to law. The connotation, as used in 2018 and previous years, is a negative thing.
- For by grace you have been saved through faith. This is not your own doing, is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. You could almost say that's the definition of legalism, couldn't you?
- Baptism and submitting to the command of baptism is a submission to the will of God. That's not me saying, God, I've done this, you owe me salvation.
- Justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone.
- Let's make sure that we're careful to be obedient in all things, that we continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, while all along praising God for his grace and mercy, without which we couldn't be saved.

3 Is Missing Assemblies a Violation of Hebrews 10:25?

Hebrews 10:24–25

- Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

- Is that just an assembly problem? Well, no, it would be a heart problem of the individual.
- Let us consider how to stir one another up to love and good works.
- Even if that's all that's being talked about in Hebrews 10, verse 25, it would be a great and dangerous leap to say, okay, then I can just miss some.
- If we're asking what's the least I can do and please my Savior, it's time for us to stop and examine our heart.
- If we can't choose to be here at every service to worship God now, what do we think we're going to do in eternity when we'll spend literally every amount of time for the rest of all existence worshiping God?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **It's not a matter of saying, what's the least I can do, but what can I do to truly love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, and mind.**

MY NOTES