

Chapter 22 - Pages 297-310
Principles on the Product of Disobedience
Lecture Notes

When we think it is difficult to obey God's word, we can easily fall victim to rationalizations to make obedience either easier or even optional. However, disobedience only produces confusion and breaks down our relationship with God.

Rule 15 - Although there is no distinction between sins, there is a difference in [immediate / temporal] consequences. (pp. 298-300)

Sin is sin, and all sin makes us _____ before God and liable for eternal separation from Him

Examples: Matthew 5:21-48 - Murder/hatred. Adultery/lust, oaths, vengeance, etc..

James 2:10 - Stumbling in just one point makes you guilty of _____

Broken plate glass window illustration - it is _____ whether there is one hole or lots of them

There is a clear distinction between how _____ views sin and its ultimate consequence and the temporal consequences of various sins while on this earth.

Rule 16 - Disobedience adds to confusion when adverse circumstances come, pages 300-302

It is natural for people to ask " _____ " when difficult circumstances are encountered

Trouble comes upon _____ people for the earth is cursed - Genesis 3:17; Eccl. etc. Christians may even have more trials than others - 1 Peter 4:12-13; 2 Tim. 3:12; Matt. 5:10-12, John 16:33

Trials could also be part of God's _____ - Hebrews 12:5-11

Punishment is given to achieve _____; chastisement is given to correct behavior

We also "reap what we sow" - Galatians 6:7 (there are natural _____ to actions)

Disobedience _____ the issues: Is the current calamity part of living on this sin filled world? The natural consequences of our own actions? Or God's chastening?

Example: Genesis 42:21 - Joseph's brothers were confused as to the cause of their calamity - which was actually Joseph testing them to see if they had changed. Genesis 50:20 - God's hand.

Rule 17-God's permissive will is entered only through a failure to apply the Scriptures 302-304

Psalms 106:13-15 cf, Numbers 11:31-34. God's permissive will _____ them to get what they wanted, but it was not a blessing. (See also Romans 1:24, 26, 28 - God gave them over).

The example of Balak & Balaam (Numbers 22-24). Balaam did not curse Israel, but he did advise Balak how to bring about God's curse on them (2 Pet. 2:15-16; Jude 11; Rev. 2:14). Balaam was evil at heart and paid the price for his sin (Numbers 31:8,16).

People enter God's permissive will through _____. God wants our emphasis to be on living for Him (2 Timothy 1:7), not figuring out what we can get away with.

Rule 18 - We must refuse to yield to what we know is wrong. Satisfying the drive will only momentarily alleviate the hunger and will stimulate a desire for more - pages 304-306

Gal. 5:24; Romans 13:14 Crucify the passions & desires of the flesh. Don't seek to _____ it

Romans 7:12-13 - Sin _____ what is good

God has a _____ place for the fulfillment of all “natural” or normal desires - seeking fulfillment of those desires outside of God’s provision is sin.

1 Corinthians 6:13-20 Sexual desires - God provides for this in _____

Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4 food - God _____ for us - Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 13:25

Proverbs 27:20; Ecclesiastes 1:8 - The eyes / ears of man are _____ satisfied

Ecclesiastes 5:10 - Money and abundance will not satisfy - This too is _____.

Our commitment must be to God’s perfect will, not the fulfillment of our own _____

Feeding the hunger stimulates the desire for more, but abstinence causes the drive to _____

Rule 19 - Culture cannot serve as an excuse for not obeying God’s commands - pages 306-308

While truth is not relative, our ability to see truth is _____ by our cultural world-view

*Convictions & practice are to be based on the _____. Adherence to cultural prohibitions that are not specifically Biblical results in legalism.

*Biblical commands that are _____ due to cultural considerations

Example - 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 law suits between believers

Example - Scriptural prohibitions against fornication - which are increasingly ignored

We must resist the conforming _____ of culture to practice or refrain - Romans 12:1-2

The problem is the culture of our own day. God’s word _____ time and culture

Rule 20 - The difference between a trial and a temptation lies in the response - pages 308-310

Πείρα, πειράω, πειράζω / peira, peirao, peiradzo word group: tried / tested / tempted

Hebrews 11:17, James 1:2-4 - God _____ faith through trials

James 1:12-14 - God does not tempt - that arises from _____. It is internal.

1 Corinthians 10:13 - God _____ for trials / temptations to be overcome

James 1: 3,12; 1 Peter 1:7; 4:12 - δοκίμιον, δοκιμάζω / dokimion / dokimadzo word group: an object that is tested to prove its genuine value: certified: tested & proved.

Examples:

Job 1 & 2 - God allowed _____ to be tested / tried by Satan

Matthew 4:1 - God allowed _____ to be tested / tried by Satan - Jesus overcame

1 Peter 1:7 - a tested faith results in praise, glory & honor at the revelation of _____