

Difficult Commands

Introduction. There are a lot of people who want to know God and be in a relationship with Him without following His commandments (1 John 2:3-4). Admittedly, there are a lot of God's commandments that are not easy to fulfill, and their difficulty is directly attributable to our selfishness (Esther 6:6; Zechariah 7:4-6). In quick succession, we are going to examine seven difficult commands along with biblical counsel that will help to heal the selfish heart.

I. Choose The Lord

- A. Joshua 1:7-8; 22:5.
- B. John 21:19-22.
- C. Revelation 3:4.

II. Love Your Enemies

- A. Exodus 23:4-5.
- B. Job 31:29-30.
- C. Proverbs 24:17.

III. Do Not Worry

- A. Psalm 55:22.
- B. Isaiah 26:1-4.
- C. Daniel 3:16.

IV. Control Your Anger

- A. Psalm 37:8.
- B. Ephesians 4:3, 26.
- C. Colossians 3:8.

V. Think About Others

- A. Genesis 40:13-14, 23.
- B. Job 6:14.
- C. 1 Corinthians 10:24, 33.

VI. Rejoice With Others

- A. Psalm 5:11.
- B. 1 Corinthians 12:26.
- C. Revelation 19:7.

VII. Do Not Speak Evil

- A. Proverbs 4:24.
- B. Titus 3:2.
- C. James 4:11.

Conclusion. God wants us to observe everything He has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). If you really love the law of the Lord, it will be better to you than all the riches in the world (Psalm 119:172).