

Why Do You Call Me, “Lord, Lord,” and Not Do The Things I Say? – Part 2

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[Luke 6:46](#), *Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*

1. Sin is alive and well

Galatians 5:17, *For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.*

“Sin is not a little speck upon our nature, nor a slight stain that can be washed away with a little water. It is a fierce, raging and dreadful monster, which defiles and destroys all things; and it remains in us all our life long, so that we must battle against it until death.”

– Martin Luther

“Sin is a master, and it will harm its servant. If you do not rule it, it will rule you. There is no neutrality – either you crush it or it crushes you.”

– Charles Spurgeon

2. Misunderstanding of Grace

[Romans 6:12](#), *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.*

[Titus 2:11-12](#), *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.*

“Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again...”

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

3. Unawareness of Scripture

[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#), *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ”so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Hosea 4:6, *My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children."*

Acts 17:10-11, *As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. "Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."*

"The word of God is the school of the Holy Spirit. Those who neglect it are like blind men groping in the dark – they fall into every error and are tossed about by every wind of doctrine."

– John Calvin

"Therefore, let us knock at the beautiful garden of Scripture. It is fragrant, sweet, and blooming with various sounds of spiritual and divinely inspired birds. They sing all around our ears, capture our hearts, comfort the mourners, pacify the angry, and fill us with everlasting joy."

– John of Damascus

"O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me.

It is the fountain of heavenly wisdom, which they who are able to taste, prefer to all writings of men, however wise, or learned, or holy."

– John Wesley

"First of all I will confess quite simply—I believe that the Bible alone is the answer to all our questions, and that we need only to ask repeatedly and a little humbly, in order to receive this answer."

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Only if we will venture to enter into the words of the Bible, as though in them this God were speaking to us who loves us and does not will to leave us alone with our questions, only so shall we learn to rejoice in the Bible."

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Bereans – well-watered

2 Timothy 2:15, *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

Psalms 1:1-3, *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.*

Psalms 119:10-12, *I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.¹² Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.*

10 Ways to Study to be Approved

1. Commit to “non-negotiables” – 5 verses a day

- Consistency beats intensity.

2. Read out loud

- Hearing your own voice slows you down, forces focus, and activates sight and sound for retention.

3. S.O.A.P. method

- **Scripture** – write it out.
- **Observation** – What does it say?
- **Application** – What does it mean to me today?
- **Prayer** – Turn it back into a prayer to God.

4. One verse per week that speaks to you

- Pick one verse per week. 52 weeks – 1 year = 52 verses

5. Use the University on Wheels

- Bible on audio for car trips.

6. Join a small group

- Accountability multiplies obedience.

7. Ask more questions

- What did this reveal about God? About me?
- What must I do?

8. Apply one thing

- Lord, show me one way to obey you today.

9. Rewrite key passages

- Paraphrase key Bible verses into everyday language.

10. Fast from food to feast on God’s menu

- Fasting breaks worldly addictions.