

Four Truths to Live By - Part 3

Truth One: Everything I Need, Jesus Is! (Affirms God's grace)

Truth Two: Jesus always saves the best until last! (Affirms God's goodness)

Truth Three: The only way to do it is to do it! (Affirms my submission)
(James 1:22; John 15:14)

Five Traits of D O E R S

1. Followers of Christ **do** their duties. (Luke 17:10)
 - Duty is doing what you are told to do
 - Duty is doing what is expected of you.
 - Some followers say "I will serve by doing what I want to do when I want to do it."
 - Christ wants those who will serve by doing what He says to do when He says to do it.

The Only Way To Do It Is To Do It!

2. Followers of Christ **obey** with a heart of obedience. (1 Samuel 15:22; Acts 5:29; Hebrews 5:8)
 - Obedience is an expression of **compliance** with authority - yes Lord!
 - Obedience often requires **sacrifice and self denial** - no self!
 - Obedience is **better** than what you sacrificed and denied yourself - rejoice in suffering!
 - Obedience is learned through suffering - when it is **hard to obey**!

The Only Way To Obey Is To Obey!

3. Followers of Christ **endure** and grow and grow in endurance. (James 1:2-4; Acts 20:24; Philippians 4:12)
 - Endurance is completing what you start.
 - Endurance is the stamina of doing all things through Christ who strengthens you.

The Only Way To Do It Is To Do It - With Christ In You

4. Followers of Christ **respond** to Him with responsibility. (Matthew 6:2; 5, 16)
 - Responsibility is **doing** the word - not just hearing it.
 - Responsibility is using the shovels God gives you along with the livestock.
 - Responsibility is doing what you should when no one else is watching
5. Followers of Christ **succeed** with true success. (Luke 16:10-12)
 - Doers of the word are faithful in little things and big things.
 - Faithfulness with money is God's test to trust you with true riches.
 - Faithfulness in taking care of others' belongings is God's test to bless you with your own.
 - **Success is doing what God says no matter what it costs you on earth.**

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