

PICKING AND CHOOSING

Introduction: Often believers think they can pick and choose which _____ of God's instructions they want to obey and which parts they want to modify.

- I. God wants us to _____ understand His commands (1 Sam. 15:1-3).
 - A. It is good to be reminded of your spiritual _____.
 - B. God does not overlook unkindness towards His _____ (Matt. 25:45; Gen. 12:3).
 - C. God does not give His commandments as a _____ to be solved.
 - D. The commandments of God are not difficult to _____.
 - E. There are those who seek to make following God "_____" and difficult.
 - F. What God tells us to destroy needs to be _____.
 - G. We are not to _____ God's commands.
- II. God wants us to _____ follow His commands (1 Sam. 15:4-35)
 - A. God also will not overlook _____ towards His people (Heb. 6:10; Matt. 25:40).
 - B. You do not have the _____ to modify God's commands.
 - C. God is not interested in getting our _____ (Mal. 1:8).
 - D. There can be no _____ motives in our obedience to God.
 - E. God's _____ is grieved when we do not obey Him.
 - F. Choosing to obey one part of God's command while neglecting others is not _____ to God.
 - G. "The heart is _____ above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).
 - H. You cannot _____ anything from the Lord.
 - I. Obedience is what matters _____ to God.
 - J. When confronted about sin, it is just best to _____ in humility (Prov. 28:13).
 - K. Rebellion and stubbornness are heinous _____ in God's eyes.
 - L. It is sad when someone else has to do the _____ we were given to do.

Conclusion: "Saul was constantly redefining the Lord's commands, doing what seemed best to him rather than what God said was best" (MacDonald).