

WHY OBEYING GOD IS HARD (BUT WORTH IT)

2 Chronicles 15:1-19 (ESV)

I. It takes real _____ to obey God _____.

A. Obedience is hard for many reasons:

1. Though the Spirit _____ the Christian's will, our sinful nature still feels _____.
2. Sinful _____ — especially _____ ones — are hard to break
3. Sometimes other _____ us to sin.

B. When it's hard to obey God, what do we need to do?

1. _____ the promises of Scripture and _____.
 - a. Repentance is turning to _____ from our sin.
 - b. We do this in response to the promise that those who repent will know the _____ and _____ of God.

2. _____ confess your sin and your
_____ to obey Christ.

3. Make meaningful _____ in
your life, household, and work.

4. All of this takes _____ and _____.

II. Obeying God is worth it, because it's a result of _____
with _____.

A. The simple delight of _____ to God.

B. _____ with other believers in the same situation.

C. Our _____ is transformed by our joy in God.

D. We grow in _____ for God.

III. Obeying God is worth it, because He _____ what's
_____ for us.

A. Because God is our Creator, His command show us the
_____ we were made for.

B. That kind of life, while not without difficulty or failure, is a
_____ one that the Lord _____.