

- I. Why Should We Stick to the Word?**
  - A. The Bible is the inspired Word of God.**
  - B. The men who wrote the Bible were guided by God in such a way that what they wrote was in perfect harmony with God's will (see 2 Tim. 3:16 and 2 Pet. 1:21).**
  - C. The Bible is our source of absolute truth; it's God's message to mankind ...God's blueprint for our life.**
  - D. If you want to have a good life, you need to look to the Good Book ...you need to look AND listen.**
- II. What Prevents Us from Sticking to the Word?**
  - A. The one word answer is pride; ungodly pride is the self-centered mindset that says, "No one tells me what to do."**
  - B. People feel good about being "in control" and their way seems right, but it's wrong (see Prov. 16:25).**
  - C. We can choose our way instead of God's way (we have a free will), but we better be ready to face the consequences.**
  - D. Ungodly pride keeps us from making good, godly judgments about ourselves and others (see Rom. 12:3).**
  - E. Anything and everything we have THAT IS GOOD is from God (see James 1:17 and Deut. 8:17,18).**
  - F. We need to get rid of our self-centered attitudes and offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God (see James 4:10 and Rom. 12:1).**
- III. What Happens When We Stick to the Word?**
  - A. We will experience trouble.**
    - 1. Jesus tells us we will have trouble in this world (see John 16:33); much of this trouble is the result of the world's hatred for Jesus (see John 15:18-21).**
    - 2. In the midst of our troubles, Jesus is with us (see Heb. 13:5), helping us to get through our troubles.**
  - B. We will experience peace and joy.**
    - 1. We have no control over what others think, say or do, but we DO have control over what WE think and how WE act.**
    - 2. In all situations we must think and act like Jesus ...we must stick to the Word ...we must be faithful to the Lord.**
    - 3. If we do this we won't experience a trouble-free life but we will experience a fulfilled life (John 10:10).**