

Listening To The Silence

*"Do not add to His words Or He will reprove
you, and you will be proved a liar. "*

Proverbs 30:6

What Does The Silence Mean?

- “Where does the Bible say I can’t do that?”
 - Does God have to explicitly prohibit something?
 - Is the Bible a rule book that we look up to find out if something is prohibited and if not then go ahead?
 - Does God prohibit things by implication? Such as when the scripture says to Love God, does that imply that we must not – not love God?
- “Where does the Bible tell me to do that?”
 - Should we do only those things explicitly commanded by God?

Training To Be Like Christ

- The New Covenant in Christ attempts to train us to live like Jesus. That is why a law written for a nation half a world away and 3500 yrs ago can still train us.
 - Galatians 2:20 *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; ..."*
 - Hebrews 5:12 *"But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil."*
 - 2Timothy 3:17 *"so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."*
 - Luke 6:40 *"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher."*
 - 1 Peter 2:21 *"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,"*
 - Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."*

Do All In His Name

- Colossians 3:17 *"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."*
- Matthew 7:21-23 ~ Just because someone says its in His name doesn't make it in His name.
- 1 Cor 2:12-16 ~ Knowing the mind of Christ.
- 1 Cor 4:6 ~ *"Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, ... "*

Exceeding What is Written

- Moses does not obey ~ Numbers 20:7-12
 - Ex 17:6 ~ Moses did the same thing before.
- Nadab & Abihu ~ Lev 10:1-2
- Judah not priests ~ Num 8:5-15, Heb 7:14, 8:4
- Teaching to keep the law ~ Acts 15:5, 24

What is Commanded & What is Not

- Noah & Ark ~ Gen 6:14 "“*Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.* “
 - When God specified the type of wood, He eliminated by implication all other kinds.
 - When He specified the dimensions he eliminated other sizes.
 - What was not specified (that we know of) to Noah was how to gather (carts, animals, saws, axes), when to gather, etc.
 - It was left up to Noah to discern when and how to do what God told him.

Decision Making

