

Introduction

"Do we keep our commitments to God?"

Tough question!

We would like to say, "I certainly do!" but since God knows everything we are stuck having to admit the truth. We don't keep our commitments to Him and this creates problems for us.

We make promises to God and sincerely want to follow through with them. Whether it be "doing more do's" or "doing less don'ts" we make a plan and sooner or later we no longer stick to it. The sense that we have failed God pushes us to try harder. We try harder for a period of time and after we lose steam we give up. Try hard again. Give up again. Try hard again. You get the picture. Life in the "give up – try hard" cycle is exhausting. How can we escape?

We need to begin with a different question.

"Does God keep His commitments to us?"

God wants us to have faith in Him. Faith is confidence in God's faithfulness in spite of evidence to the contrary. God wants us to base our confidence in Him on what He says rather than what we see. He wants us to believe that He is faithful to do what He commits to do.

Before we can keep God's commandments, we must believe that God can keep His commitments!

When we look our circumstances and our conduct we can wrongly assume that God is no longer committed to us. Trouble at home or at work causes us to doubt God cares about us.

Areas of disobedience in our lives cause us to question whether God could ever care about someone who struggles with the sins we struggle with. We assume that we must try harder to do what God wants so that He will care for us and do what we want . . .

. . . and back into the "give up – try hard" cycle" we go!

Try an experiment. For the next forty days focus on God's commitments to you.

40 Days with the Ten Commitments will focus your attention on ten commitments that God makes to you. Each day for forty days you will reflect on one of these commitments.

Moses looked at God for forty days and it changed him . . .