

Do It The Right Way! *Exodus 4:18-31*

Purpose: although Moses was an upright man, he was almost killed because his lack of obedience. I aim to encourage the listeners to do things God's way, asking Him for daily direction and hiding His word in their hearts.

Do you know what the number one funeral song in the UK is? According to "The Telegraph":

#5 - The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23, the highest placed hymn)

#4 - Wind Beneath My Wings – Bette Midler

#3 - Over The Rainbow – Eva Cassidy

#2 - Time to Say Goodbye – Sarah Brightman/Andrea Bocelli

#1 - My Way – Frank Sinatra/Shirley Bassey

"Doing it My Way" is something that is being taught in the world today, but is "My Way" the right way? The truth is:

- If you want success in serving God,
- If you want real, positive change in your circumstances,
- If you want to see a spiritual breakthrough in whatever situation you are facing,
- Then you must "Do it the right way", God's way!

Let's look at what happened to Moses after God spoke to him through the burning bush: (Read Exodus 4:18-31)

It seems as if things are going good, and suddenly God wants to kill him. Why?

As an Hebrew, Moses was suppose to circumcise his sons as a sign of the covenant that was established through Abraham (Genesis 17:10-14)

What type of person was Moses?

- Humble – said to be the most humble man on the earth
- Modest – didn't think too highly of himself
- Thoughtful – was willing to help others in trouble

Yet even though Moses was a "good person" or a "nice guy", it didn't matter. Without the covenant he deserved judgement!

- God sought to kill him (v.24)
- Did God really want to kill him? (If God wanted to kill him, he would have been dead!)
- Mercy triumphs over judgement (James 2:13; Micah 7:18)

It doesn't matter how "good" or "nice" you are, God is right and we are not. Moses had to do things exactly the way God told him to do them; no more and no less. As long as he did not have the sign of the covenant, he was unfit for the job!

By neglecting the way command of circumcision, it was as if Moses was rebelling against God.

Other examples:

Eli – did not restrain his sons, so God judged his household (1 Samuel 3:12,13)

Saul – did not obey the voice of the LORD and rejected him as king, which led to his death (1 Samuel 15:18,19,22,23)

Samson – broke the conditions of his Nazirite vow, which led to his eyes being put out (Judges 16:20,21)

Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (1 Samuel 15:23)

You can't just do what you want to do and expect God to bless your good intentions.

Judgement begins at the house of God (1 Peter 4:17)

End of the book of revelation – you can't add to or take away from God's word (Revelation 22:18,19)

Remember:

- You may be a good person
- You may have good intentions
- You may have sincere motives
- You may have a call from God

But,

- You must not follow man's ideas
- You must not obey your own feelings
- You must not do things the way others do them
- You must do things God's way

So,

Be willing to do whatever He says

Ask Him to direct you every day

Get His word in you!