



9 Challenge Recap:

"The Lord will guide you continually,
giving you water when you are dry
and restoring your strength.

You will be like a well-watered garden,
like an ever-flowing spring."
Isaiah 58:11 (NLT)

The 2009 Challenge Topics

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| 1. Commitment | 6. Forgiveness |
| 2. Love | 7. Godliness |
| 3. Generosity | 8. Obedience |
| 4. Perseverance | 9. Eternity |
| 5. Servanthood | |

(Jesus) "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.' When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law." Matthew 7:24-29 (NLT)



How to apply what I have been reading:

1. Learn it.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17 (NIV)

2. Love it.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ..." Philippians 1:9-10 (NIV)

"How I delight in your commands! How I love them!" Psalm 119:47 (NLT)

3. Live it.

"Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." James 1:22-25 (NLT)

"Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart..." Revelation 1:3 (NIV)

Got Questions?

Since Jesus was King of the Jews, then why shouldn't I be Jewish? I'm thinking we all should be. Am I wrong to think that? I was raised to be Christian.

Acts 20:21, Galatians 3:27-28, Romans 2:28, Acts 20:21

Can you enlighten me about who Melchizedek is? Sounds like he came from Heaven.

Genesis 5:2, Micah 5:2, Hebrews 7

When I read passages (Matthew 19:30, Matthew 20:16, Luke 13:30) about "the first will be last and the last will be first," two of the verses don't say it is applicable to everyone. How do we know if it is applicable to us?

Luke 18:9, Matthew 5:20, 1 Samuel 15:21-13, Luke 13:6-9

When a person dies are we immediately judged and sent to Heaven/Hell accordingly or do we remain "asleep in the grave" until the return of Christ when His church is raptured and then judged at the great white throne judgment?

1 Corinthians 5:1-10, Luke 23:26-43, Revelation 20