

“Heeding the Commands of Jesus”

John 11:38-44

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1. His commands include our responsibilities to fulfill

a. Our availability: Mark 1:16-20

Acts 9:1-6 (NKJV) – Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” **And he said, “who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”** Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

Luke 9:57-62

b. Our teachability: Matthew 11:28-30

2. His commands reveal our reliance on Divine Power

a. In the work of the Gospel: Matthew 28:18-20

b. In the call to spiritual perseverance: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10