Consistency

Introduction: After preaching on “Choices & Consequences” and “Differences Which Makes a Difference” I got to thinking of the need for consistency. Defined in the following ways;

**I) Facts**

**A) Bad people sometimes do- .**

1. People in the Bible who were bad but did something good. **Numbers 22:12 -13**

2. Was Balaam was a godly person. **2 Peter 2:15**

**B) A good person can do something .**

1. A Christian can give into temptation and sin. **1 Corinthians 10:12; Ephesians 4:25;**

**5:15**

2 Was Peter a “good person”? **Galatians 2:11-13**

**C) We recognize consistency when we see it and when we don’t see it.**

**II) Consistency**

**A) Paul calls upon us to be like athletes in training. 1 Corinthians 9:24 -27**

**B) Something we can relate to.**

**III) How To Obtain Consistency (Faithfulness)**

**A) Accept**

1. For the big things and the small things. **Matthew 25:21 '**

2. Are there small things when it comes to serving God?

**B) Practice .**

1. Some people compartmentalize their lives.

2. In everything you do, you are to do it as a . **Colossians 3:17; Ephesians 6:5 -7.**

3. Can a person be a teacher and be a Christian and go to heaven? How about a policeman, doctor, factory worker? .

**C) All the –.**

1. Compare to diet and exercise- to get benefit from both, you must do this daily.

2. Consistency means you don’t take days off being a Christian.

**D) Consistency requires us to .**

1. The athlete trains for a purpose, everything is aimed at obtaining that purpose.

2. As a Christian I need to think before I act. **Hebrews 12:1**

a. Does this help me to obtain my goal?

b. Or does this hinder me in obtaining my goal?

3. Just as there is impulse buying there are impulse sins.

Conclusion: **How consistent are you in serving God?**