

# Purely Preservation? Part II



So how did your loved one react to your list of rules to keep them safe?

Did they say it was impractical? Did they say they would follow them? Did they say anything, or did they just chuckle? Did you tell them why you wrote the rules? Did that make a difference to them? Why do you think this made a difference or not?

How do most people react to following G-D's Law's?

Why do so many believers follow man's traditions (like a Sunday "shabbat") instead of following G-D's Law?

Why is it so many people, even those who are believers, say it is impossible to follow all of G-D's laws?

The real heart of the matter comes down to our heart. G-D gave us the laws so we could be happy, healthy, wise, and strong. If we believe like the world believes that these laws are just a hindrance to our fun, or a block to us having control over our own lives, then our hearts will beat in disobedience, and we will suffer from the consequences of our sin and rebellion. If instead we understand that "we can do it" and we encourage ourselves and others around us to try, we will live a life protected from the consequences of our own sins.

Please do not misunderstand; because we still live in a dying sin filled world; so we *will still* have trouble. The difference is that most of it will not be of our own making, and we won't have to deal with both the consequences of our own bad behaviour AND the regret that comes with knowing we caused ourselves and others problems because of our bad behaviour.

One more point. Did you know that we are told in Ephesians 4 to " <sup>30</sup>Do not grieve the Ruach ha-Kodesh of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." Grief is a LOVE word, it is something we experience when we LOVE something deeply and it dies. G-D LOVES us and THE Ruach HaKodesh grieves when we sin, because HE knows that sin leads us to death. G-D's laws not only preserve our life, but our happiness, and bring us into the many blessings that G-D has for us. If we are honest, often the life of a believer and follower of G-D's laws doesn't have any less trouble than that of a non-believer, but what it does have is a LOT more shalom and joy. Because with G-D and HIS word to protect us, we can do this.

a lesson in Re'eh