

RESTORATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Jesus In Your Home video series

The Home

Section 3: Segment 5

Topic 2. Steps in Establishing *Halakhahs*

When you are prompted by a need or concern, begin to prayerfully seek God to determine how the Word would apply.

- 1 Prayer.** To establish a *halakhah* for your particular issue, pray. Ask for a spirit of wisdom and revelation (see Ephesians 1:17), entreating the Father to convey His will regarding your issue or concern.
- 2 Bible passages.** Next, ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind any verses or passages from the Bible that would apply to your situation. Don't try to apply anything to your situation *until* you are sure that you have compiled all possible biblical references. Some verses will be more pertinent than others. That is, you'll recognize one or more of the verses as more foundational to the issue. Other verses will add understanding to the foundation. When you have made the extra effort to pursue all the biblical leads prompted by the Holy Spirit, a sense of peace will probably rest on you and anyone who may be sharing this investigation with you.
- 3 Biblical application.** Armed with the appropriate verses and passages, you can address your problem and concern. Be careful to not get into "if—then" reasoning as you try to apply the Word to the situation. The normal tendency after pondering the Bible application to the situation is to immediately draw conclusions and ask questions. What will this decision cost you? How will this affect others? What changes will you need to go through if you decide to live by this new conviction? No matter how strong the urge is to weigh the personal cost of your decision — don't! You must first determine in your heart that you *do* have the correct biblical application for your situation. The Holy Spirit will again give you peace if this is what God wants for you.
- 4 Action to take.** Only after you are convinced in your heart that you have correctly applied God's Word to your situation is it time to take the next step, application of grace. Grace is the power and desire to uphold God's truth in your life no matter what it costs you. Remember, you are applying *halakhahs* to your life because of your *love for Jesus*. The goal is not right behavior for its own sake. If correct behavior in the hopes of gaining God's favor is your motivation, you will become prideful. You may even develop a disdain for others who don't live or think the way you do. God's grace will enable you to keep your new conviction because of your desire to lovingly obey Him. Continue to pray for grace. And repent of your failure for not having known these new truths or lived by them before this time.