

No. 1 Why Is It Difficult to Do What Is Fine? (Circuit overseer)

Note to speaker:

Emphasize that although it can be difficult to do what is fine, we can measure up to Jehovah's standards by completely relying on him for guidance and strength

WHO SETS THE STANDARD FOR WHAT IS FINE? (5 min.)

Throughout history, popular opinion has often dictated standards of right and wrong (*w04 12/1 5*)

Today's permissive society accepts all sorts of standards in the name of tolerance

Yet, tolerance must have limits (*g 8/15 13*)

True Christians recognize that Jehovah has the right to set the standards (Jas 4:12)

His standards are not unreasonable (De 30:11-14)

We must endure in doing what is fine **[Read Galatians 6:9]**

We are in constant danger of 'tiring out' because of pressures, both internal and external

WE FACE THREE POWERFUL ENEMIES (6 min.)

(1) *Satan* seeks to devour those who do what is right (1Pe 5:8)

The Devil is a master at convincing people to adopt standards that are contrary to God's standards (2Co 4:4; 11:3)

Like Christians in the first century, we must not give up when faced with opposition (Ac 5:28, 29)

(2) The *world* attempts to shape our thinking (Ro 12:2)

Satan is the source of "the spirit of the world" (1Co 2:12; Eph 2:1, 2)

He uses entertainment and advertising to weaken our resolve to do what is right

Imitate Enoch, who did what is fine while surrounded by an ungodly world (Ge 5:24; Jude 14, 15)

(3) Our *imperfect flesh* fights against us **[Read Romans 7:21-23]**

Like the apostle Paul, we must fight sinful tendencies (1Co 9:27; *w14 10/15 29 ¶6*)

JEHOVAH CAN HELP US TO DO WHAT IS FINE (3 min.)

Jehovah will help us in our fight to do what is right **[Read Romans 7:24, 25]** (*w16.09 12 ¶14-15*)

Our assembly program is designed to help us to identify what is acceptable from God's standpoint and to strengthen our resolve not to give up in following Bible principles

[Use the review questions on the printed program to highlight how the assembly theme will be developed]

Review question: Why is it difficult to do what is fine?

Answer: 1 Peter 5:8; Romans 12:2; Romans 7:21-25; we have three powerful enemies—Satan, the world, and our imperfect flesh, all of which can be conquered if we fully rely on Jehovah's strength

Jehovah will soon eliminate all badness (Ps 37:10, 11)

Then, in perfection, we will have opportunity to do what is fine when the Devil and his world are gone!

(Speaker does not need to read or comment on every cited text)