

Being A Determined Person Without Being Stubborn

I. Introduction: People will often hold fast to things that are wrong all the way to destruction (**Micah 6:16**).

A. Defining the terms we are considering:

1. Determined: "Having made a firm decision and being resolved not to change it" (New Oxford American Dictionary).
2. Stubborn: "Having or showing dogged determination not to change one's attitude or position on something, especially in spite of good arguments or reasons to do so" (New Oxford American Dictionary).

B. Which is right, which is wrong (**Philippians 1:10**)?

1. Determined (**II Chronicles 2:1**, **Acts 11:27-30**, and **I Corinthians 2:1-2**). A few synonyms of these terms are "fixed-on" (**Psalms 112:1-10**), "firm" (**Hebrews 3:6**), and "immoveable" (**I Corinthians 15:58**).
2. Stubborn (**Deuteronomy 21:18-21**, **Psalms 78:1-8**, and **I Samuel 15:23**).

II. Body: Being Unmovable (**Colossians 1:23**), But Not Being Like Israel Of Old (**Jeremiah 7:1-34**).

A. Don't be without understanding (**Psalms 32:9**).

1. Israel of old was wise to do evil, but... (**Jeremiah 4:22**).
2. We need to understand how to please God and we have been equipped to do so (**I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).
3. In examining ourselves, how can we know when we have a good understanding (**Psalms 111:10**)?

B. What "traditions" do we unwaveringly hold to (**II Thessalonians 2:15**)?

1. Going back to the origin of what we are unwilling to change (**Colossians 2:8**).
2. What happens to the word of God if we hold man-made traditions (**Mark 7:13**)?
3. Consider the point Peter made (**I Peter 1:18-19**).

C. Think on these things...

1. **Exodus 32:9-10** and **Deuteronomy 9:1-24**
2. **Proverbs 28:14**
3. **Daniel 5:18-31**
4. **Mark 16:1-14**
5. **Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60**
6. **Romans 2:1-5**

III. Conclusion: Hold fast (**Hebrews 3:14**). Just make SURE you are holding fast to HIS will and not your own (**Proverbs 3:5-7**, **Proverbs 28:26**, and **Romans 10:1-3**).