

# GENESIS STUDY QUESTIONS

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## "A Divided Allegiance"

### Getting Started

The most useless thing in my house is \_\_\_\_\_, but it's still there because \_\_\_\_\_.

I believe in God, but \_\_\_\_\_.

### Digging Deeper

Read the brief account of two different kings: King Amaziah (2 Kings 14:1-4) and King Azariah (2 Kings 15:1-4). In regard to their behavior, what two things did these kings have in common?

Although they chose to follow God, both kings failed to follow God's law (Leviticus 26:1). These kings of Judah had a divided allegiance. While they worshipped God in the temple, they allowed the worship of pagan gods in their homes, in the high places, and throughout the land.

Why do you think they were "divided"?

When have you experienced this same struggle? If you feel comfortable, share your answer.

God understands this struggle between our human nature and our spirit. That is why He asks us to give our full allegiance to Him. If we don't fully commit to Him, we *will* commit to something or someone else.

Read Romans 8:5-8. What keeps us from fully obeying God's law?

How can we submit to God's law? Read Colossians 3:1-8.

### Application

Submitting to God's law is not just about creating a "to-do" list. We have a divided allegiance because we do not put to death or get rid of those things that hinder our ability to follow Christ (just as the kings of Judah did not destroy the high places).

Which do you struggle with the most:

- 1) Putting to death the big things OR
- 2) Getting rid of the smaller things

### CHALLENGE!

Because I struggle with \_\_\_\_\_, this week I will do \_\_\_\_\_.

Pray and ask God to give you the courage and strength to remove anything that hinders your relationship with Him. Share this with someone you trust, and ask them to keep you accountable.