

## OBSTINATE & PLIABLE DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Genesis 19:1–29. How does Lot’s response to the coming destruction compare to the man’s response?

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2. Obstinate tells Pliable, “What, more fools still! ... Go back, and be wise.” The wisdom of the world claims, as Obstinate did, that those who follow Christ are fools (see 1 Corinthians 1:17–24). What is the biblical definition of a “fool”? What else does the Bible say about “fools”? What does it say about those who are truly wise? Over the next 31 days, read one chapter from Proverbs each day. On the lines below, list 20 things that this book teaches about wisdom and those who are wise and those who are foolish. Is your life more characteristic of one who is wise or one who is foolish? In what areas could you become wiser? How can you gain wisdom? (See James 1:5–7.)

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3. Pliable asked Christian, “And do you think that the words of your book are certainly true?” In today’s culture, skeptics often challenge Christians with “How do you know the Bible is the inerrant Word of God?” List some things you could say to someone who asked you this. (See [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/Bible](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/Bible) and [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/existence](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/existence) for help.)

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4. One of the things to be enjoyed in the place where they are going, according to Christian, is that “there shall be no more crying, nor sorrow; for he that is owner of the place will wipe all tears from our eyes.” Read Revelation 21:1–4. Why are crying, sorrow and tears part of the current world we live in?

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5. Read Luke 14:25–33. What does Jesus say about the cost of following Him?

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6. Obstinate refuses to go with Christian because he doesn't want to "leave our friends and our comforts behind us." What comforts are difficult for people to leave behind in order to follow Christ?

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7. When we're tempted to hold on to things of the world, what should we meditate on? (See 2 Corinthians 4:18.)

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8. John Bunyan continues to refer to those who are not willing to give up the things of the world to follow Christ throughout the rest of *Pilgrim's Progress*. As you go through the rest of the book, list here those who have difficulty giving up things of the world and also list the things of the world that grip them.

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