

Obedience

Lesson 34- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

Intro: Obeying is one of the most important single words in the Bible. Being obedient is the key to receiving all of God's blessings. To be saved from sin and Hell, a person must obey God's command. Acts 16:31 *"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."* There are a multitude of other material and spiritual blessings for those who obey God.

This current age is characterized by rebellion. Rebellion and disobedience come directly from man's sinful nature. 2 Timothy 3:2 *"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."* Romans 5:19a *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners..."* We see rebellion in the home, rebellion in society, rebellion in our churches, that all stem from a basic rebellious attitude towards God. Now, as never before, we need to seriously concern ourselves with this subject of OBEDIENCE.

Obedience Defined:

1828 Webster's: Submissive to authority; yielding compliance with commands, orders or injunctions; performing what is required, or abstaining from what is forbid.

John A. Stormer (Growing up God's Way): "Obedience is doing what those in authority request or want. It is the opposite of 'doing your own thing.' True obedience involves doing what an authority wants immediately, respectfully, joyfully, and completely. Obedience requires the submission of the will of the individual to those in charge. True obedience ultimately stems from submission to God."

A. God's Attitude Towards Obedience:

a. 1 Samuel 15:22. What does God say is better than sacrifice?

To _____.

b. Acts 13:22. How did the Lord describe David, the son of Jesse?

"A _____ after _____ own _____"

c. Why did the Lord so describe King David in Acts 13:22b?

B. Gods Attitude Towards Disobedience:

a. 1 Samuel 15:23. What does God say rebellion is like?

The sin of _____.

b. What was the penalty required for rebellion in sons under the Mosaic Law? Deuteronomy 21:18-21 _____.

C. The source of True Obedience:

a. John 14:15. "If ye _____ me, _____ my commandments."

b. John 14:23a. "If a man _____ me, he will _____ my _____."

c. 1 John 5:3b. "His commandments are not _____."

Grievous Defined:

1828 Webster's: Heavy; oppressive; burdensome; as a grievous load of taxes. Afflictive; painful; hard to be borne. Causing grief or sorrow. Distressing;

d. 1 John 4:19. "We love him, because he _____
_____ us."

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D. Promises and Blessings Relating to Obedience:

a. 1 John 3:22. What does God promise us when we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing to His sight?

b. According to John 15:10, where does an obedient Christian abide?

c. Matthew 6:31-33. What three things does God promise to take care of for us when we put Him first?

d. According to John 15:14, what does obedience make us?

e. What is perfected in our lives when we keep God's Word? 1 John 2:5

f. If we hear the Word of God, yet do nothing about it, what is the result? What does James 4:17 call this? _____

g. According to Matthew 7:24-27, to what does the Lord Jesus compare the life of an obedient person? _____

E. The Right Attitude in Obedience:

It is against our human sinful nature to obey. Obedience comes as a result of training, and attitude is all important here.

a. Obedience ought to be a _____ Psalms 40:8.

b. Obedience is to be with the whole _____ and _____ Deuteronomy 26:16

c. Obedience requires us to be _____ and very _____ Joshua 1:7

d. When obeying the Lord, we need to make _____ and not _____ Psalms 119:60

e. According to Luke 5:4-7, what should our attitude be when God's Word seems to contradict our own judgment? _____

f. According to Matthew 21:28-31, are good intentions alone sufficient for obedience? _____

Closing:

In your own time, consider whether or not you have areas in your own life where you may be rebellious. Be sure to include the Lord in your search as we need Him to show us our errors.

Write down your thoughts and prayers below:
