

Obedience

Lesson # 11 Homework

Memorize: 1 John 2:3-4

"And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, 'I have come to know Him' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:3-4

Obedience is more than following a set of rules. It is the expected response of a Christian to His Lord. In this lesson, we will study what *it means to be obedient*, *areas of obedience*, and some *results of obedience*.

I. The Call to Obedience.

1 Peter 1:14-15

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

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A. The Call to Obey God's Commands.

1. According to John 14:15, Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will _____."
2. What is expected of those who hear God's Word (James 1:22)?

B. The Call to Follow Christ.

1. What is required of a person who follows Jesus (Luke 9:23)?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

2. How did Jesus set the example for us when suffering for His obedience to God (1 Peter 2:20-23)?
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**Obedience is not merely following a list of "dos and don'ts." It involves following Jesus Christ and seeking after the things above.
Note: Colossians 2:20-3:2)**

C. The Call to Submission.

Romans 6:16

16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

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How should we present ourselves to God (Romans 12:1)?

II. Obedience Marks a True Believer.

A. Look at 1 John 2:3-4 (memory verse).

1. What does Obeying the Word of God demonstrate?
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2. What does continuous disobedience to the Word of God indicate?
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B. What Characterizes the true believer as one who will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21)?

1 John 2:5

5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

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III. Examples of Disobedience.

A. Read 1 Samuel 15:16-23. Instead of complete obedience to God's command, King Saul substituted his own way of worship and excused his disobedience.

1. What was Samuel's reply? How did he compare obedience and sacrifice (verse 22)?

2. To what are stubbornness and rebellion compared (verse 23)?

3. What did Saul's disobedience cost him?

B. Consider Zechariah 7:8-14.

1. How did the people react to God's instruction (verses 11-12)?

2. How did it affect their prayers (verse 13)?

3. What was the result (Verse 14)?

IV. Examples of Obedience.

A. Abraham's Obedience.

1. What were 2 of Abraham's great acts of obedience?

a. Genesis 12:1-4, Hebrews 11:8_____

b. Genesis 22:1-12

2. Because Abraham obeyed God. What three things did God promise to Abraham's son (Genesis 26:2-5)?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

B. Christ's Example of Obedience

1. What was Christ's primary concern on earth (John 4:34)?

2. Even when facing the cross, what was Christ's attitude (Luke 24:42)?

3. To what extent was Jesus willing to be obedient (Philippians 2:8)?

V. The Promises and Blessings of Obedience.

A. List some blessings that are promised to us if we obey God's commandments.

1. John 15:10 _____

2. John 15:14 _____

3. 1 John 3:22 _____

B. To what does Jesus compare the life of a person who hears and obeys His Word (Matthew 7:24-27)?

VI. Areas of Obedience.

A. What are all Christians to be taught concerning Christ's commands (Matthew 28:20)?

B. Read Each Verse below. Fill in who is to obedient to whom and why.

1. Colossians 3:30

a. Who? _____

b. To Whom? _____

c. Why? _____

2. Ephesians 5:22-24

a. Who? _____

b. To Whom? _____

c. Why? _____ (see verses 25-32)

3. Ephesians 6:5-8

a. Who? _____

b. To Whom? _____

c. Why? _____

4. Hebrews 13:17

a. Who? _____

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b. To Whom? _____

c. Why? _____

5. Romans 13:1

a. Who? _____

b. To Whom? _____

c. Why? _____

C. What should a wife do if her husband is an unbeliever (1 Peter 3:1)?

D. What if a servant (or employee) has an "impossible" employer? What should he/she do (1 Peter 2:18-19)?

VII. Our Attitude Towards Obedience.

Isaiah 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;
And all of us wither like a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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Obedience without genuine faith avails nothing. As a Christian obedience must grow out of a heart of sincere faith toward God.

A. What was the basis of all Abraham's obedience (Hebrews 11:8)?

B. Read the "**parable of the two sons**" (Matthew 21:28-32). Which son had the better attitude? Why?

C. Using Peter as an example, what should be our response when God's Word seems contrary to our own judgment (Luke 5:1-7)?

D. Read Ephesians 6:6.

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1. How should we view ourselves in relation to Christ?

2. What should our attitude be in doing the will of God?

Luke 17:10

10 "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"

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VIII. Application

- A. What does it mean to "present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice" (Romans 12:1)?

- B. What have you learned about the consequences of disobedience?

- C. In what areas of your life does God want greater obedience?

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