

Obedience

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I. Introduction.

- A. There is no substitute for obedience. (John 7)
- B. Obedience is a product of faith and love. (James 2:17; John 14:21)
- C. We are chosen for obedience. (1 Peter 1:2; 1 Timothy 4:16)
- D. It is not good enough to cry master—we must be obedient. (Matthew 7:21ff)

II. Results of obedience.

- A. Abiding in God's love. (John 15:10)
- B. Being a friend of God. (John 15:14)
- C. Being God's peculiar treasure. (Exodus 19:5)
- D. Length of days. (Proverbs 3:1-2)
- E. Real joy in life. (Leviticus 18:5; Proverbs 15:13-15)
- F. Answered prayer. (1 John 3:22)
- G. Spiritual growth. (Joshua 1:7)

III. Results of disobedience.

- A. Broken relationships.
- B. Unanswered prayer.
- C. Arrested spiritual growth.
- D. Broken fellowship with God. (Lamentations 3:44)

IV. Quality of obedience.

V. Key to obedience.

- A. The will. Obedience precedes knowledge. (Psalm 119; John 13:7)
- B. Knowing God's will through the Word of God.
- C. Learning obedience. (Hebrews 5:8)
- D. Suffering.

Application questions:

1. What does biblical obedience look like?

2. How can we encourage others toward biblical obedience in an encouraging way?

3. What areas of disobedience will you work on? How can one bring about biblical change?
