

Obedience

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I. Introduction.

- A. Leadership can be boiled down to character, which is god-likeness reflected in Jesus.
- B. Obedience makes character operational.

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)
- F. God's blessing upon our lives. (Deuteronomy 28:2)
- G. A holy life. (Ephesians 5:9-10)
- H. The gift of the fullness of the Spirit of God. (Acts 5)
- I. The purification of our own souls. (1 Peter 1:22)
- J. Answered prayer. (1 John 3:22)
- K. Spiritual growth and prosperity. (Joshua 1:7)
- L. Revelation of Jesus. (John 14:21, 23)

III. Why we disobey.

- A. We do not have a deep relationship with God.
- B. We want to do what we want to do. (Ephesians 1:8; Hebrews 11:26)
- C. We think God is going to do something bad to us. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- D. We do not understand what is going on.
- E. We break under too much prosperity or suffering. (Proverbs 30:8-9; Romans 8:28)
- F. We do not think that God can handle the situation.

- 1. God is sovereign. (Isaiah 46:10; Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 14:24, 27; Hebrews 13:14)

2. God has all power. (Matthew 28:18)
3. God loves us. (John 13)
4. All circumstances are under God's control. (Philippians 4:13; Job 23:10)

IV. What to do.

- A. Trust God, and do not be impatient. (Psalm 37:4)
- B. Realize God loves you.
- C. Resist against little sins. (Song of Solomon 2:15)
- D. The direction you are moving is more important than the speed you are moving.
- E. Stay in the Word of God to know his will.
- F. Stay in fellowship with other believers.
- G. Continue to trust God even when you do not understand.

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?
