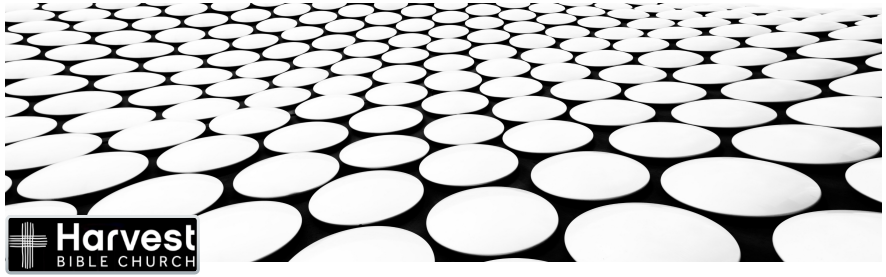
LESSON 12: OBEDIENCE

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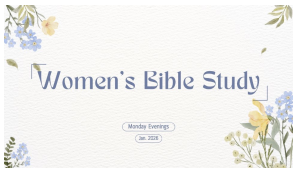
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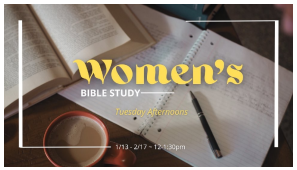
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How can I become more obedient?

What does it mean to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Christ?

MEMORY VERSE

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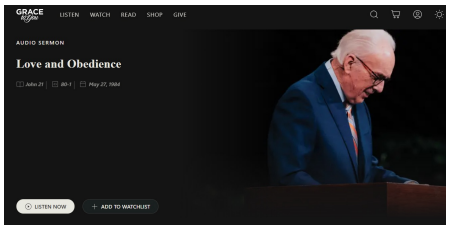
1 John 2:3-4

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By this we know that we have come to [redacted] Him, if we keep His [redacted]. The one who says, "I have come to know[redacted]" and does not [redacted] His commandments, is a [redacted] and the [redacted] is not in him.

[redacted] 2:3-4

REFLECTIONS FROM SERMON: LOVE AND OBEDIENCE



- ✓ What connections do you see between what John spoke in the sermon “Love and Obedience” and the earlier lessons that we have studied?
- ✓ How do love and obedience form an unbreakable pair of responses?

OBEDIENCE FROM THE HEART

6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

Ephesians 6:6

AN INTERNAL LAW

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Hebrews 8:10

AN INTERNAL LAW

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Romans 6:22

AN INTERNAL LAW

19 We love because he first loved us.
1 John 4:19

I. THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
Matthew 22:37-40

What does it mean to love God with ALL your heart, soul and mind?

✓ **To delight in God and to love Him is obedience.**

I. THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

"As obedient children... like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior." 1 Peter 1:14-15

A. The Call to Obey God's Commands

1. In John 14:15, Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments.

2. What is expected of those who hear God's Word (James 1:22)? to be doers of the Word.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

I. THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

"And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."
Luke 9:23

What does it mean to deny ourselves and take up our cross daily?

✓ **We owe to offer our lives to the Lord.**
✓ **It is not to prescribe and complete at list of DOs and DON'Ts.**
✓ **Rather, we give our hearts and seek after things from above.**

I. THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

"[20] If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— [21] "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" [22] (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? [23] These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. **3** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - Colossians 2:20-3:2

How can we then seek things from above daily?

I. THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

B. The Call to Follow Christ

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

a. Deny self
b. Daily take up the cross
c. Follow Christ

2. How did Jesus set the example for us when suffering for His obedience to God (1 Peter 2:20-23)?

"He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly"

I. THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

[15] but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, [16] since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16

We are called to a high calling to be as He is, holy.

I. THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

The call for obedience expose our shortcomings, but how can we do this when we have such a high standard to be holy as He is?

"[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." - Philippians 4:8

"[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - Colossians 3:1-2

✓ Proactively feeding, meditating, prioritizing and living out our lives according to "these things" (Philp 4:8) and "not on things that are on earth" (Col. 3:1-2).

I. THE CALL TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
Romans 6:16

C. The Call to Submission
How should we present ourselves to God (Romans 12:1)?
As a "living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God"
"This is our Spiritual act of worship"

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1

II. OBEDIENCE MARKS A TRUE BELIEVER

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

What is to know Him?

A. Look at 1 John 2:3-4 (the memory verse).
1. What does obeying the Word of God demonstrate?
That we have come to know Him.

2. What does continuous disobedience to the Word of God indicate?
That we don't know God and the Truth is not in us.

II. OBEDIENCE MARKS A TRUE BELIEVER

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 7:21

B. What characterizes the true believer as one who will enter the kingdom of heaven Matthew 7:21)?
Doing the will of the Father.

But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.
1 John 2:5

III. EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE

What are some of the external evidences or consequences of disobedient behavior?
Does anyone ever really get away with sin?

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their
women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to
nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and
were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless
acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.
Romans 1:26-27

III. EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE

16 Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night.” And he
said to him, “Speak.”17 And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not
the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. 18 And the LORD sent
you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight
against them until they are consumed.’ 19 Why then did you not obey the voice of
the LORD? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of
the LORD?” 20 And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on
the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have
devoted the Amalekites to destruction. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen,
the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in
Gilgal.” 22 And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and
sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to
listen than the fat of rams.23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as
iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected
you from being king.” 1 Samuel 15:16-23

III. EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE

A. Read 1 Samuel 15:16-23. Instead of being completely obedient 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 (v.22)?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

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

For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

3. What did Saul's disobedience cost him (v.23)?

He was rejected as king.

III. EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE

8 And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, 9 “Thus says the LORD of
hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, 10 do not
oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you
devise evil against another in your heart.” 11 But they refused to pay attention and
turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear.12 They
made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that
the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great
anger came from the LORD of hosts. 13 “As I called, and they would not hear, so they
called, and I would not hear,” says the LORD of hosts, 14 “and I scattered them with a
whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left
was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made
desolate.”

Zechariah 7:8-14

III. EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE

B. Consider Zechariah 7:8-14.

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

they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets.

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

so they called, and I [God] would not hear

3. What was the result (verse 14)?

[The Lord] scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate

IV. EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE

A. Abraham's obedience

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

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

a. Genesis 12:1-4; Hebrews 11:8: He left his home for an unknown place

b. Genesis 22:1-12: He was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac as God commanded him.

IV. EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE

A. Abraham's obedience

2 And the LORD appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of
which I shall tell you. 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to
you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I
swore to Abraham your father. 4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and
will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth
shall be blessed, 5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my
commandments, my statutes, and my laws.” Genesis 26:2-5

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

a. His descendants would be multiplied “as the stars of heaven”.

b. His descendants would be given “all these lands”.

c. Through his descendants all the nations will be blessed.

IV. EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE

B. Christ's example of obedience

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.” John 4:34

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

He wanted “to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work”.

IV. EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE

B. Christ's example of obedience

saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” Luke 22:42

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

He wanted “to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work”.

2. Even when facing the cross, what was Christ's attitude (Luke 22:42)?

“Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done”

IV. EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE

B. Christ's example of obedience

"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Philippians 2:8

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"Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done"

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

"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross"

V. THE PROMISE AND BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

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

1. John 15:10: We will abide in His love

1. John 15:14: We will be His friend

1. 1 John 3:22: We will receive what we ask of Him, according to His will.

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." John 15:10

"You are my friends if you do what I command you. John 15:14

"and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him." 1 John 3:22

V. THE PROMISE AND BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

B. To what does Jesus compare the life of a person who hears and obeys His Word (Matthew 7:24-27)? To the wise man who built his house on the rock

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be
like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the
floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall,
because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these
words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his
house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds
blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Matthew 7:24-27

VI. AREAS OF OBEDIENCE

Looking at these relationships, it becomes obvious that obedience isn't always easy.

What does God expect when obedience is difficult?

Obey anyway!

How can parents make it difficult for their children to obey?

"Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged" Col. 3:21

How can husbands make it difficult for wives to obey?

"Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them." Col. 3:19

VI. AREAS OF OBEDIENCE

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

"teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

B. Read each verse below. Fill in who is to be obedient to whom and why.

1. Colossians 3:20

a. Who? children To whom? parents

b. Why? "This pleases the Lord"

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20

VI. AREAS OF OBEDIENCE

B. Read each verse below. Fill in who is to be obedient to whom and why.

2. Ephesians 5:22-24

a. Who? wives To whom? Their own husbands

b. Why? "the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church"

"22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands." Ephesians 5:22-24

VI. AREAS OF OBEDIENCE

B. Read each verse below. Fill in who is to be obedient to whom and why.

3. Ephesians 6:5-8

a. Who? Slaves (workers) To whom? Earthly masters (bosses)

b. Why? "knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord"

"5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free."

Ephesians 5:22-24

VI. AREAS OF OBEDIENCE

B. Read each verse below. Fill in who is to be obedient to whom and why.

4. Hebrews 13:17

a. Who? Believers (Christians) To whom? Spiritual leaders (Elders)

b. Why? "they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account"

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17

VI. AREAS OF OBEDIENCE

B. Read each verse below. Fill in who is to be obedient to whom and why.

5. Romans 13:1

a. Who? Every person To whom? Governing authorities

b. Why? "there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God"

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Romans 13:1

VI. AREAS OF OBEDIENCE

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

"Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives"

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

"Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly."

VII. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OBEDIENCE

"In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.[7] Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me: [8] I delight to do your will, O my God; your law
is within my heart." [9] I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.[10] I have not hidden your
deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have
not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation."
Psalm 40:6-10

- ✓ We should be delighted to obey our Lord, remembering what He has done for us.
- ✓ Obeying Him with the attitude of gratitude that He deserves.
- ✓ Out of a sincere and outspoken love coming from our hearts to please Him.

VII. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OBEDIENCE

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

faith

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

VII. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OBEDIENCE

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

The one who obeyed showed a transformation and sincerity of heart. However, the chief priest and elders refused to believe and obey even after been confronted with the truth.

"28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him." Matthew 21:28-32

VII. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OBEDIENCE

C. Using Peter as our example, how should we respond when God's Word seems contrary to our own judgment (Luke 5:4-7)?

We should do what He says and obey His Word.

"4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink." Luke 5:4-7

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D. Read Ephesians 6:6

1. How should we view ourselves in relation to Christ? As His slaves.
2. What should be our attitude in doing the will of God? Doing the will of God from the heart, thanking Him for what He has done for us.

"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." Luke 17:10

VIII. APPLICATION

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1

A. What does it mean to "present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God" (Romans 12:1)? _____

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

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

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

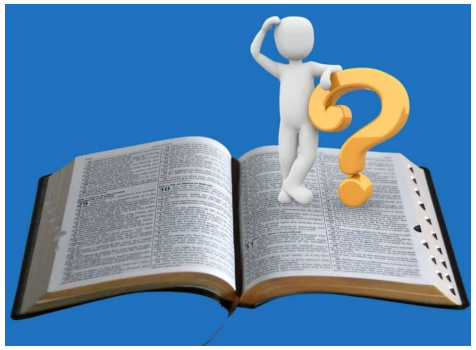


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EXHORTATION

15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your
conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am
holy.”

1 Peter 1:15-16

CLOSING PRAYER