

Joys and Blessings of Obedience (New)

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I. Introduction.

A. With obedience comes prosperity and with disobedience comes adversity.

II. The results of obedience.

A. Abiding in God's love. (John 15:10)

B. Being a friend of God. (John 5:14)

C. Being a peculiar treasure to God. (Exodus 19:5)

D. A worthwhile and long life. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

E. A real and enjoyable life. (Leviticus 18:5)

F. God's blessing on our life. (Deuteronomy 28:2; Ephesians 5:9-10)

G. The gift and fullness of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 5:32)

H. Purifying our souls. (1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:22; Joshua 1:7)

I. The love of Christ. (John 14:21)

J. The revelation and indwelling of God. (John 14:23)

III. We disobey God...

A. Because we have a weak relationship with him.

B. Because we do what we want to do (we think we know what is best for us). (Ephesians 1:8; Hebrews 11:26)

C. Because we think God is doing something bad to us. But God has our best interests at heart. (Jeremiah 29:11; Genesis 50:20; Proverbs 30:8-9; Deuteronomy 8:2-3; John 15; Romans 8:28)

D. Because we think God cannot handle a situation. But...

1. God is sovereign. (Isaiah 46:10; Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 14:23, 27)

2. God knows what is going on. (Hebrews 4:13)

3. God has all power. (Matthew 28:18)

4. God loves you. (John 13:13; Job 23:10; Isaiah 48:10; Hebrews 11:27)

IV. What we are to do.

- A. Trust God. (Exodus 23:27; Psalm 37:34)
- B. Realize God loves you.
- C. Guard against the little sins. (Song of Solomon 2:15)
- D. The direction we are moving is more important than the speed. Keep moving.
- E. Stay in fellowship with God and other believers.
- F. Continue to trust God even when you have unanswered questions.

Application questions:

1. What misconceptions are popular about obedience to God?

2. Which excuse for disobedience are you the most prone towards falling into?

3. What can you do to form a habit of obedience to God?
