

Today, most of us depend on navigation apps to help us get to our destinations. As followers of Christ, what then do we need to help us navigate through life? The Bible tells us, we are to obey God and the authorities. What exactly is Biblical obedience? Biblical obedience is attentively listening to and obeying what God says in His word and through His appointed authorities, as our expression of trust in Him and love for Him. When we refuse to obey, it is because we think we know better! We are to trust the Lord that He can use even imperfect people to guide us. Obedience to God and His appointed authority shows not only our faith and trust, but also our love for Jesus. If we love God, we should obey!

God tells Joshua multiple times to be strong and courageous. He commanded Joshua to obey all that Moses (Joshua's "boss") told him to do (Joshua 1:6-7). The result of such obedience is "to act wisely, prudently". God also told Joshua to meditate on the "Book of the Law" that Moses wrote (Joshua 1:8-9). Keep repeating it to yourself that you will be careful to obey all that is written in it and be prosperous (progress, go forward). God's design for your life is to make us more like Jesus. The more obedient we are, the more we become like Jesus. When we obey, God blesses us. What kind of blessing can we expect from the Lord?

## THE BLESSING OF PERSONAL REWARD

Moses told twelve men to spy out the Promised Land for forty days before the Israelites would enter it. Among those men were Joshua and Caleb. The men came back to give a report to Moses; ten out of the twelve spies gave a bad report of what they saw in the land (Numbers 13:32-33). But Joshua and Caleb encouraged the people with God's promises. However, the people listened to the ten other spies and wanted to overthrow Moses. God brought judgment upon this rebellious group. Even though they grumbled against Moses, God considered it as against Him (Numbers 14:29-30)! Out of their generation, only Joshua and Caleb eventually entered the Promised Land. We can expect personal blessings when we obey because God is our Rewarder! Some personal blessings of obedience could be protection from sin and its consequences, wisdom, knowing God's will, etc.

## THE BLESSING OF BLESSING OTHERS

This blessing is even greater than personal blessing (Acts 20:35). There was an issue that came up in the early church regarding the neglect of Greek widows and orphans. To address this, the apostles chose seven men to distribute food to those in need; Philip was one of them (Acts 6:1-7). Later, Philip proclaimed Christ wherever he went (Acts 8:5-8). He was instructed to go somewhere else where he met a government official from Ethiopia who came to worship in Jerusalem (Acts 8:26-27). God commanded Philip to join this official in his chariot to share Jesus with him, which led to the Ethiopian eunuch believing in Christ and being baptized (Acts 8:28-39). A greater blessing of obedience is being a blessing to others!

## THE BLESSING OF PLEASING GOD

Jesus obeyed his parents (Luke 2:51). Even though Jesus is the Son of God, He obeyed His mere human parents — ordinary and inexperienced as they may be. What an amazing example of submission to God-appointed human authority! Years later, Jesus was very critical about submission to government in paying taxes (Matthew 22:19-21). The issue is not whether the government is corrupt or not, but that we obey authority. Jesus obeyed the Father (John 14:31) and the result was that God was pleased with Jesus (Matthew 17:5). Wouldn't you want to hear that from our Heavenly Father? The greatest blessing of obedience is knowing that God is pleased with us.

We may struggle with obeying authority, but if they do not ask us to do anything that goes against God's will, we need to submit. However, if the authority goes against God's word, then we must not obey them (Acts 5:28-29). We can also appeal to the authority to reconsider their decision. We can also pray because God can change the heart of even the most powerful person (Proverbs 21:1). Many times, it is our hearts that are changed to trust the Lord. Submit to governing authority in our everyday lives (Romans 13:1-2), to our superiors at work (1 Peter 2:18), to spiritual leaders (Hebrews 13:17), to husbands (Ephesians 5:22-23) and to our parents (Ephesians 6:1-3).

The greatest act of obedience in the history of mankind was that of Jesus on the cross (Philippians 2:8). Jesus will always be the best example of humility and obedience; His greatest act of obedience led to our greatest blessing of salvation!

### last week's memory verse

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

JOSHUA 1:8

### discuss this message

What challenges or struggles do you have in obeying God's word? What is the root issue? How can you overcome these challenges or struggles?

What challenges or struggles do you have in obeying God's appointed authorities in your life? What is the root issue? How can you overcome these challenges or struggles?

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### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful  
life with Him in the present and gain  
eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**  
**His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
– Deuteronomy 7:9

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us  
from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from  
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for  
us to be reconciled to Him: through His  
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised to life for  
eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by His  
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of  
God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. – John 14:6

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we  
are forgiven of our sins and saved from  
eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish, but have  
eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift  
of God; not as a result of works, so that no  
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus  
Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I  
am a sinner. I believe that You died on  
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your  
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please  
come into my life and be my Savior and  
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal  
life. Make me the kind of new person You  
want me to be. Thank You for giving me  
eternal life. Amen.

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life  
when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name of  
the Son of God, so that you may know that  
you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13

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