

# WORD BASICS

## OBEDIENCE TO GOD

### 1. OBEYING THE LORD:

#### A. OBEDIENCE TO GOD IS OUR DUTY:

Eccl.12:13	Keep His commandments: for this is whole duty of man
Deut.13:4	Walk after the Lord...& keep His commandments, & obey His voice, & serve Him
Deut.27:9b,10	Thou art the people of God...therefore obey the...Lord
Jer.11:7	I earnestly protested... saying, Obey My voice
Jn.2:5	Whatsoever He (Jesus) saith unto you, <u>do</u> it (See also Lk.17:10.)

#### B. OBEY WHOLEHEARTEDLY:

Rom.6:17	Ye have obeyed from the heart that doctrine
Deut.26:16	The Lord hath commanded thee to do these statutes... keep & do them with all thine heart, & all thy soul
Psa.119:34	I shall keep Thy law...with my whole heart (See also Psa.119:69b)

#### C. OBEY IN ALL THINGS:

Deut.5:32	Observe to do as the Lord...commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left
2Ki.22:2	He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord...& turned not aside to the right hand or to the left (See also 2Cor.2:9)

### 2. IF YOU LOVE & KNOW THE LORD, YOU WILL OBEY HIM:

Jn.14:15,21	If ye love Me, keep My commandments (See also vs.23)
1Jn.2:3	We know we know Him, if we keep His commandments
1Jn.3:24	He that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him
1Jn.2:4	He that saith, I know Him, & keepeth not His commandments, is a liar
2Jn.6a	This is love, that we walk after His commandments

### 3. BLESSINGS FOR OBEYING THE LORD:

Deut.11:26,27	I set before you...a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God
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Josh.1:8 Meditate therein (the Word)...observe to do all that is written therein: then shalt thou have success

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#### A. SOULS ARE SAVED:

Rom.5:19 By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous  
1Tim.4:16b Heed the doctrine...in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, & them that hear thee

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#### B. SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS:

Exo.19:5 If ye will obey My voice...ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people  
Jer.7:23 Obey My voice, & I will be your God, & ye...My people  
Jn.13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them  
Jn.15:10 If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My Love  
Jn.15:14 e are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you  
Acts 5:32 The Holy Ghost...given to them that obey (God)  
1Pet.1:22 Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth  
(See also Jam.1:25)

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#### C. MATERIAL BLESSINGS:

Deut.28:2 All these blessings shall come on thee, & overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the Lord  
Deut.32:46,47 Set your hearts unto all the Words...& through this ye shall prolong your days in the land  
Job 36:11 If they obey & serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, & their years in pleasures  
Isa.1:19 If ye be willing & obedient, ye shall eat good of land  
Jer.38:20 Obey...voice of the Lord: so it shall be well unto thee, & thy soul shall live  
Heb.11:8 Abraham, when he was called to go into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed  
(See also Deut.28:1-14; Jer.35:18,19.)

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#### D. PROTECTION:

Exo.23:22 If thou shalt obey & do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies  
Lev.25:18 Do My statutes...& shall dwell in the land in safety

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### 4. SUBMISSION TO GODLY PASTORS & LEADERS IN THE LORD:

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#### A. EXHORTATIONS TO SUBMIT TO PASTORS & SPIRITUAL BRETHREN:

Heb.13:17 Obey them that...rule over you, & submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls  
Heb.13:7 Remember them which have rule...whose faith follow

1Cor.11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ  
Phi.3:17 Be followers of me &...them which walk so, as ye have us for an (example)  
(See also 1Cor.16:16; 2Cor.2:9.)

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#### B. OBEYING WHOLEHEARTEDLY, "AS UNTO THE LORD & NOT UNTO MEN":

Eph.6:5 Be obedient...in singleness of heart, as unto Christ  
Eph.6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart  
Col.3:22 Not...menpleasers; singleness of heart, fearing God  
Col.3:23,24 Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, & not unto men...for ye serve Christ  
Phlm.21 I wrote...knowing that thou wilt do more than I say

#### 5. JESUS' EXAMPLE OF OBEDIENCE:

Lk.22:42 Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done (See also Mat.26:39,42)  
Jn.5:30 I seek not Mine Own will, but the will of the Father  
Jn.14:31 As the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do  
Phi.2:7,8 (Jesus) took upon Him the form of a servant...& became obedient unto death  
Heb.5:8 Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience

#### 6. YIELDEDNESS TO GOD:

##### A. LET THE LORD HAVE HIS WAY IN YOUR LIFE:

Job 1:21 Lord gave, &...hath taken away; blessed be the Lord  
Isa.64:8 Lord...we are the clay, & Thou our potter  
Mat.6:10 Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done  
Jn.3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease  
Rom.12:1 Present your bodies a living sacrifice...unto God  
Jam.4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God  
(See also Mat.26:39; Lk.1:38; Rom.6:13,16.)

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##### B. SUBMIT YOUR PLANS TO GOD:

Heb.6:3 This will we do, if God permit  
Jam.4:15 Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall do this

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##### C. OBEYING GOD EVEN WHEN IT HURTS:

Gen.22:2,12 Take thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, & offer him for a burnt offering (See also Heb.11:17-19)

Jer.42:6            Whether it be good, or whether it be evil [hard to do] we will obey the voice of the Lord  
our God

Mat.26:38-54      [Jesus agonised in prayer, knowing the cost, but then yielded to God's will.--See also  
Lk.22:44; Jn.18:11.]

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#### D. YIELD TO GOD & PRAY FOR HIS LEADING:

Psa.27:11            Teach me Thy way, O Lord, & lead me in a plain path

Psa.139:23,24      Search me, O God, & know my heart...know my thoughts: & lead me in the way  
everlasting

Psa.143:10          Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God: lead me

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#### E. YIELDING TO GOD SPARES YOU FROM JUDGMENTS:

2Chr.30:8           Yield yourselves unto the Lord...that His wrath may turn away from you

Mat.21:44           Whosoever shall fall on this Stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will  
grind him

#### 7. OBEYING GOD RATHER THAN UNGODLY MEN:

Acts 4:13-20        Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you (Pharisees) more than unto  
God, judge ye

Acts 5:29            We ought to obey God rather than men  
(See also 1Sam.22:17; 1Ki.18:3,13; Ezra 4:21; 5:1-5; Dan.3:1-25; 6:1-13; Heb.11:23.)

#### 8. DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD--HOW THE LORD VIEWS IT:

1Sam.15:23          Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, & stubbornness is as iniquity & idolatry

Mat.7:26,27        Heareth these sayings of Mine, & doeth them not...a foolish man, which built his house  
upon the sand

Jam.1:23,24        A hearer of the Word, & not a doer, is like a man beholding his face...& straightway  
forgetteth

#### 9. VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF DISOBEDIENCE:

##### A. MERELY "AGREEING" IS NOT ENOUGH:

Ezk.33:30-33        They sit before thee as My people & they hear thy words, but they will do them not

Mat.21:28-31b      He answered & said, "I go, sir": & went not

Mat.23:2,3          Do not after their works: for they say, & do not

Lk.6:46              Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, & do not the things I say?

Tit.1:16              They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being...disobedient

(See also Jer.42:1-22; 43:1-4.)

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B. "GOOD WORKS" NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR OBEDIENCE:

1Sam.15:22      Hath the Lord as great delight in... sacrifices, as in obeying? To obey is better than sacrifice

Jer.7:22,23      I spake not...concerning sacrifices. But this thing commanded I them, Obey My voice

Mat.7:22,23      Have we not...in Thy name done many wonderful works? Depart from Me (Jesus), ye that work iniquity

Lk.11:42          Ye tithe...& pass over judgment & love. These ought ye to have done, & not to leave the other undone

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C. HALF-HEARTED OBEDIENCE:

2Chr.25:2          He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart

Jer.3:10            (She) hath not turned unto Me with her whole heart, but feignedly

Acts 5:1-11        [Ananias & Sapphira pretended to give all, but kept back part of the money from the sale of their land]

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10. REASONS FOR DISOBEDIENCE:

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A. BEING DECEIVED:

Gen.3:13            [Eve said:], "The serpent beguiled me, & I did eat"      (See also 2Cor.11:3)

1Ki.13:1-26        [The young prophet was deceived by the old prophet & disobeyed the Lord's original instructions]

Gal.3:1              Who bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?

Gal.5:7              Who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

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B. HAVING A "BETTER IDEA":

1Sam.15:2-15      Thus saith the Lord, "Utterly destroy all they have!" (Saul) spared the best...to sacrifice to the Lord

Pro.3:5,6            Lean not unto thine own understanding

Act 21:4,10-14    [Paul was warned by the Spirit to not go to Jerusalem, but his heart was set on it]

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C. LACK OF LOVE FOR OTHERS:

Jon.1:1-3; 4:2      [Jonah disobeyed & fled from God, knowing God would be merciful to the Ninevites, his enemies]

1Jn.3:16,17        Whoso hath this world's good [& doesn't help a needy brother], how dwelleth the love of God in him?

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#### D. FEAR OF MAN:

1Sam.15:24	I transgressed the commandment of the Lord...because I feared the people, & obeyed their voice
Pro.29:25	The fear of man bringeth a snare
Jer.38:17-20	[Zedekiah disobeyed God out of fear of his opponents]
Jn.12:42,43	Many believed on Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him

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#### E. LACK OF FAITH IN THE WORD:

Gen.3:1-6	[Eve believed the devil's lies & doubted God's Word]
Gen.19:14	[Lot's sons-in-law thought his warning to flee Sodom was merely a joke]
Num.20:7-12	[Moses hit the rock twice instead of speaking to it]
1Sam.13:8-14	[Saul, doubting that Samuel would come, sinned by impatiently offering the sacrifice himself]
1Pet.2:7,8	Them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient
2Thes.2:12	Believed not the truth, but had pleasure in (sin)

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#### F. BEING DISTRACTED BY LESS IMPORTANT THINGS:

1Ki.20:39,40	"Keep this man." As thy servant was busy here & there, he was gone
Lk.14:15-24	[The Lord invited men to His supper, but they all made excuses, saying they had <u>other</u> things to do]

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#### G. FOR MATERIAL GAIN:

1Ki.20:29-34, 42	[Captured king promised king Ahab cities & markets, so Ahab let him go, instead of slaying him]
2Ki.5:14-16, 20-27	[Elisha <u>refused</u> to receive any reward, but his servant, Gehazi, disobeyed & accepted it & was judged]

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#### H. PRIDE:

2Chr.26:14-20	[King Uzziah, lifted up in pride, broke the law]
3Jn.9,10	[An exalted pastor refused to obey the apostle John]

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#### I. ALLOWING DISOBEDIENCE TO BECOME A HABIT:

Jer.22:21	This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not My voice
Jer.3:25	From our youth even unto this day, (we) have not obeyed the Lord (See also Eccl.8:11)

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### 11. HOW TO RELATE TO THE DISOBEDIENT:

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#### A. USE THE WORD TO TEACH & WARN THEM:

Ezk.2:3-7	Speak My Words unto them...they are most rebellious
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Ezk.3:17,18 Hear the Word...& give them warning from Me

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**B. WIN THEM WITH YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT JUST YOUR WORDS:**

1Cor.9:19 I made myself servant to all, that I might [win them]  
2Tim.2:24-26 Servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle... patient...instructing...to acknowledging of the truth  
1Pet.3:1-4 That, if any obey not the Word, they may without the Word be won by the [way of life]  
(See also Jam.5:19,20.)

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**C. TRY TO GET THEM TO CHANGE:**

Lk.1:17 Turn the...disobedient to the wisdom of the just

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**D. KEEP AN EYE ON THEM:**

Pro.29:15 A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame

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**E. DO NOT KEEP COMPANY WITH THEM:**

Eph.5:11 Have no fellowship with [them], but rather reprove them  
2Thes.3:6 Withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, & not after the (instructions)  
2Thes.3:14 If any man obey not our word...have no company with him  
1Tim.6:3-5 If any man...consent not...from such withdraw thyself

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**F. IF THE OFFENCE ISN'T SERIOUS, DON'T GIVE UP ON THEM:**

2Thes.3:14,15 If any man obey not our word by this epistle...count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother

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**12. GOD'S PUNISHMENTS FOR DISOBEDIENCE:**

Deut.11:26,28 I set before you...a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord (See also Jer.11:3)  
Josh.5:6 (They) walked 40 years in the wilderness, till all the people...were consumed, because they obeyed not  
Judg.2:2,3 Ye have not obeyed...I will not drive (enemies) out  
1Sam.12:15 If ye will not obey...the Lord (will) be against you  
1Sam.15:23b Because thou hast rejected the Word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king  
1Ki.13:all [Young prophet disobeyed God by heeding the old prophet, & was slain by a lion]  
Psa.68:6 The rebellious dwell in a dry land  
Isa.1:20 If ye refuse & rebel, ye shall be devoured with sword

Jer.3:25 Confusion covereth us: for we have...not obeyed  
Jer.18:10 If (they) obey not...then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them  
Dan.9:11 (Did) not obey Thy voice; therefore curse is poured  
Dan.9:14 The Lord watched upon the evil, & brought it upon us: for we obeyed not His voice  
Mat.7:26,27 Every one that heareth (My) sayings & doeth not...foolish...house on sand...great was the fall of it  
Lk.12:47 (He) which knew his Lord's will, & [did not] according to His will, shall be beaten with many stripes  
(See also Gen.3:6,16-19; Deut.28:15-67; Jer.9:13-16; 12:17; 32:23; Eph.5:6.)

### 13. OBEDIENCE IS BUILDING ON A SURE FOUNDATION:

Mat.7:24,25 Whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, & doeth them ...wise man, which built his house upon a rock  
1Cor.3:11-14 [Jesus is the foundation; build with gold of obedience not with wood, hay & stubble of disobedience]  
1Cor.15:58 Be steadfast, unmoveable...in the work of the Lord