

# OBEDIENCE

Obedience is the key to being a good Christian and walking uprightly in the kingdom of God. We abide in Him (in covenant) when we obey His commandments and will bear much kingdom fruit.

1 John 3:24

*“And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”*

John 15:5-6

*“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

*If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”*

Walking in disobedience puts one outside of the will of God and in agreement with the devil, who is the author of rebellion.

1 Samuel 15:23

*“For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry.”*

If we allow the Spirit of God to lead us (Romans 8:14), God can grow us and use us for the purpose He intended for us (Ephesians 2:10). He calls us His fellow workers (I Corinthians 3:9). Obedience indicates we love God (John 14:15); shows we trust Him (James 2:17); relates to our health (Exodus 15:26) and the fear of the Lord (Exodus 20:20); and is proof we are truly a friend of God (John 15:14).

It is through and because of our obedience the Lord will bless us:

Deuteronomy 28:2

*“And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you will obey the LORD your God.”*

James 1:25

*“But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the {law} of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.”*

The Lord frowns on disobedience (rebellion) and in the end will judge those who do not repent for it.

Matthew 7:21

*“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.”*