

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLE STUDY



Obeying God

In some of our previous studies we've looked at what God expects of us and we've looked at the kinds of relationships God wants with us. In all of these studies and in our daily walk with God, it's obvious that God expects us to obey Him. Today let's look at what obeying God means and how to Obey Him.

A relationship with God is a choice we freely make and a privilege bestowed on us, His children, by God. It isn't a job where we act a certain way in order to collect a paycheck nor is it military service where we are fulfilling an obligation. However, for our purposes let's make a simple comparison. In our jobs and in military service one of the very first things explained is the rules. With that in mind, please read the following Scriptures and answer the questions.

Exodus 20:1-17

- Who spoke the commandments? _____
- What is the very first Commandment? _____
- Why is this significant? _____
- Do you have any other gods in your life? (Is anything more important to you than God?)

- So is it reasonable to say that the most important aspect of obeying God is putting Him first in your life? _____.

Psalms 103:17&18; Psalm 119:4-22

- How can a man keep his ways pure? _____
- What happens to those who don't obey God? _____

Matthew 4:4; Matthew 22:36-40

- What is the most important commandment? _____
- What is the second most important commandment? _____

John 14:23&24

- Fill in the following blank spaces: "Jesus replied, "If anyone _____ me, he will _____ my teaching. My Father will _____ him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not _____ me will not _____ my teaching."

James 2:11-19; John 14:12

- Does God expect more than words? _____

Galatians 5:16-26

- In order to obey God, we should _____ the sinful nature and live according to the _____ of the _____.

Let's summarize this study by answering the following questions based on the Scriptures we've read.

- The most important commandment God has given us to obey is to _____ God with _____ our heart.
- The second most important commandment is to _____ other people.

God expects more from us than just saying we love Him. He expects some changes in our lives. He lays out the areas where we should examine our lives and identify those changes. Those areas are called the acts of a _____ nature and the fruit of the _____.

Why not take a minute and examine your life right now and then list three areas where you really need to change/improve? You don't have to write them down; this is between you and God.

As you continue to seek God's will in your life and make an honest effort to obey Him, you'll begin to see God helping you change. You'll also find that God will show you new areas of your life needing change. Becoming the person God wants you to be, is a life long adventure that leads to the day when you stand in front of Him and here Him say "Welcome home child! I have prepared a place for you."

Seeking to obey God's will for your life will allow you to draw nearer to Him. Why not memorize Proverbs 8:17 today?

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me." – Proverbs 8:17