

Deepening The Walk

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In Joshua chapter 6, Joshua led the Israelites to victory by following the instructions of God that seemed unreasonable. Many times we are called to follow unreasonable commands of the Lord and our response should be as Joshua's – immediate obedience. It is when we have a submissive spirit toward God's instructions, even when they don't make sense, that God blesses us for walking by faith and not by sight. Let's look at what Scripture says about our obedience and how it affects our relationship with God.

The Reason for Obedience:

According to Matthew 22:36-38, what does Jesus tell us is the greatest commandment? _____

According to John 14:15; John 14:21 and 1 John 5:3, how do we show our love for God? _____

Are you showing your love for God in this manner? _____

Drawing Closer through Obedience:

According to John 14:23-24, what does Jesus tell us about His and the Father's response to those who obey His teaching? _____

According to John 15:10, when we obey Jesus' commandments what are we doing? _____

According to Acts 5:32, the Father gives Who to those who obey Him? _____

What does 1 John 2:3-4 tell us of the man who does not obey? _____

Write out Romans 1:5 here. Are you answering the call?

Final Reflections: The Lord doesn't give us instructions because He is a tyrant who desires to make us suffer. He gives us instructions because He knows what is best for us. His commands are given for our benefit and is the way to having the abundant life Jesus said He came to give us. Obedience to God is very important in your Christian growth. It is impossible to deepen your walk with Him if you disobey His commands. The Lord honors us with His presence when we constantly strive to be like Jesus and follow the commands of the Father. He delights in our ways and makes our steps firm. Even though we may stumble, we will not fall because the Lord upholds us with His hand (Psalm 37:23-24). Our faith is revealed through our obedience and our relationship with Christ grows even stronger.

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Your Turn to Reflect: From the Scriptures we have already studied, there is a clear picture for us to show our love for God by obeying His commands. Review the following Proverbs and ponder how you are applying their wisdom in your life today.

Proverbs 14:12: _____

Proverbs 4:10-12: _____

Proverbs 3:1-6: _____

If you feel you are falling short at applying these to your life, take your weaknesses to the throne of God and ask Him to give you wisdom as to how you can be obedient to Him by walking by faith and not by sight.