



Ecclesiastes 12:12-14 Obey His Commands (Part 2)

Fear God, Obey commands: the WHOLE duty of man.

3 typical reasons we obey:

1. **Fear of punishment:** Our heart reveals our faith and the emotion behind obedience.
2. **To earn something:** We'll obey so we don't get crushed or to manipulate God: *I did this, so you must do that now God.*
3. **Love:** 3x in John 14 Jesus equates obedience with evidence of our love.

3 options in life:

- a. **No obedience:** Self-determination. I'll do as I see fit.
- b. **Partial obedience.** Partial obedience is idolatry. Something else is ruling my life. 1 Sam. 15
- c. **Surrendered obedience:** A reverence for the glorious goodness of a Father that knows best.

L - Lordship: Like James, 1 John 2:3 ties saving faith to obedience as a test of what I truly believe.

O - Orientation: obeying his commands serves as our compass through life's dangerous waters.

V - Victory: John 14:21 Jesus says the obedient person is the one *that he will reveal himself to.*

E - Eternity: Obedience results in victory in this life, but also assurance of eternal life.

Questions:

1. What's my biggest obstacle to Lordship submission and obedience?
2. How does culture or my past influence how I view God? How does that impact my obedience?
3. Have I ever submitted to God's word even when I didn't like or agree with it? What was the result?
4. In what ways does obedience to the word result in reward in my life? See Ps. 19:7-14
5. What has impacted your thinking through the book of Ecclesiastes? Has anything changed?
6. Are there areas of my life that I feel I know better than God that has resulted in partial obedience? (relationships, money, entertainment choices, etc.)

Announcements 5/14

1. 10 Days of Prayer! Starts May 18th – 28th. See Prayer Handout or check out the full schedule at feathersoundchurch.com/prayer or under Prayer in the church app.
2. Church Workday – May 20th from 9am to 12pm
3. Mama Bear Apologetics: Part 2 – Sundays during the 11am service. It's not too late to join!
4. Youth Serve Night – May 26th @ 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Food Catered by Maple Street Biscuit Company – register at feathersoundchurch.com/fsy