

Obedience is Pleasing to God

Proverbs 16:7, "When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him".

A person's ways please God when his thoughts, words, and actions are centered on faith, righteousness, and obedience to God's will, rather than self-centered desires or pleasing others.

God calls us to more than external obedience though. He calls us to surrender. He calls us to unite our actions, emotions, and motivations. - read *Matthew 22:37-40*

According to Justin G. Gravitt, there are *at least* 5 levels of Obedience.

5 Levels of Obedience Tool — Justin G. Gravitt (justingravitt.com) Adapted from Justin Gravitt's blog post: <https://www.justingravitt.com/blog/5-levels-obedience>

Level 1: Inconsistent Obedience – *"I'll do what I want."*

Level 2: Conditional Obedience *"If God gives me what I want then I'll give Him what He wants."*

Level 3: Provisional Obedience *"I'll give God what He wants as long as He meets my needs."*

Level 4: Future-Happiness Obedience *"I'll give God what He wants, believing—in faith—that at some point, I'll get what I need and want."*

Level 5: Unconditional Obedience *"I'll Give God What He wants."*