



Gospel Of John Series – 90

LOVE THAT LISTENS

“The Inseparable Connection Between Love and Obedience”

John 14:15

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” — John 14:15

INTRODUCTION

True love for Christ is proven not by profession, but by obedience.

1. THE PRIORITY OF LOVE - “If you love Me...”

Jesus begins not with rules, but with relationship.

- **Love Is the Foundation of Discipleship**

Christian obedience does not start with effort—it starts with affection.

- **Love is not optional in the Christian life—it is essential.**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...” - Matthew 22:37

- **Love Is Personal, Not Abstract**

Jesus does not say, “If you love truth” or “If you love righteousness.”

He says, “If you love Me.”

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. THE PROOF OF OBEDIENCE - *"...you will keep My commandments."*

Jesus gives us the evidence of love.

- **Obedience Is the Fruit, Not the Root**

Obedience does not create love—love produces obedience.

This protects us from two dangerous errors:

- **Legalism:** Obedience without love
- **License:** Love claimed without obedience

- **Obedience Is Comprehensive, Not Selective**

Jesus says *"My commandments"*—plural.

3. THE PATTERN OF RELATIONSHIP

Love → Obedience → Abiding Fellowship

Jesus is not describing a transaction—He is describing a relationship pattern.

- **Love Leads to Obedience**

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." - 1 John 5:3

- **Obedience Leads to Fellowship**

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me... and I will manifest myself to him." - John 14:21

Obedience does not earn Christ's presence—but it enjoys it.

4. THE POWER FOR OBEDIENCE - ¹⁶*And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,*

- **Obedience Is Spirit-Empowered, Not Self-Generated**

"For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."
Philippians 2:13

- **Love Grows Where the Spirit Dwells**

- ❖ He reminds us of Christ
- ❖ He magnifies Christ
- ❖ He conforms us to Christ

5. THE PASTORAL WARNING AND PROMISE

- **A Warning Against Empty Profession**

It is possible to say "Lord" and yet live in disobedience.

"Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" - Luke 6:46

- **A Promise of Joyful Relationship**

Obedience rooted in love leads to joy, not bondage.

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:11