



Walking in Obedience (and liking it)

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God wants us to not just be obedient to Him because we *have* to be BUT because we get to be.

Obedience is a response of Love.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, NKJV

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Shema means listen – but not just with your ears. But to pay attention, focus, respond, obey. In fact there is no separate word for obey in ancient Hebrew – listen means obey.

James 1:22-25, ESV

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

Each small step of obedience we take produces growth in our walk with God.

"At once they left everything and followed Him."

Acts 2:37-41, NIV

“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

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‘What a relief it is to know, that I’m a slave to Christ. Of all the masters I have known, I’m compelled to live this life-free for Him... I am compelled.’