

4 LETTER WORDS

Obey

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Some would avoid talking about holy for fear the church is seen as:

- Works driven
- The word obey reminds us we are not in authority.
- It might drive people away from the church.

It is not a church if you are not challenging people to live God's word.

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

²⁸ *"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'* ²⁹ *"I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"*
"The first," they answered... Matthew 21:28-32 NIV

The religious leaders were called to serve God and the people but instead they turned the position into one of power and privilege.

The first step to obedience is:

FOLLOW JESUS

It is sad to say that the church has given people a reason to not get to know Jesus

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:12-13 NIV

If you follow Jesus and consider Him you will begin to see the world differently.

BELIEVE JESUS

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.
John 1:17-18 NIV

Grace and truth came through Jesus.

It is grace that brings us salvation.

It is truth. Jesus is truth.

Following leads to believing.

We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.

John 6:69 NIV

Read Romans 3:21-26 NIV

When you follow Jesus and believe in Jesus you are ready to:

OBEY JESUS

They adopt a lifestyle that was radically different than anything else around them.

They lived a new lifestyle based on the values of Jesus, they followed Jesus closely.

We obey because God loves us, not so He will love us.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

²⁸ *When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. Matthew 7:24-29 NIV*

After a storm we all live differently...but will you follow, believe and obey?

What difference could God make if you trusted Him?