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Disobedience

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Theme: *II Cor. 6:14-18 & 7:1. SUBJECT is: Obedience vs Disobedience!!

Define OBEDIENCE: "Subjection to the authority of another, whether to God or to a human being. In the Bible the word is used most often in the sense of subjection to the will of God and His commands. It is used in the speaking of JESUS, who always did the will of God. (Crudens Concordance, p. 464.)

QUOTE: From Montaigne, "The first law that ever God gave to man was a law of OBEDIENCE. It was a COMMAND pure and simple, wherein man had nothing to inquire after---or dispute----for TO OBEY GOD, as a heavenly superior and benefactor is the proper response of any rational soul.

From OBEDIENCE and SUBMISSION spring all other virtues. But, from self-will and self-conceit springs all sin and disasters."

QUOTE: Homer Giles, "No principle is more NOBLE, and none more HOLY, than that of true obedience to God. (Edwards, p. 445.)

QUOTE: Thomas Watson, "To obey God in SOME things, and not in others, shows an unsound heart."

CONCLUSION: Partial obedience is DISOBEDIENCE!

I. YOUR FUTURE HEALTH, HAPPINESS, HOPE & HONOR HINGES ON FOUR BASIC DECISIONS.

A. To OBEY or DISOBEY GOD!

# 1. WHY? should I obey God??

Ans: From Seneca, "We are born SUBJECTS, and to obey God is perfect liberty. He who does this shall be FREE, SAFE and HAPPY!." (Edwards, p. 445.)

2. WHY? Because it is the Greatest Command.


ILL. Mary, at Harding College. From NY.

Could not pray. Had obeyed gospel, but still felt too unworthy because of her ugly past life. What do?

Studied some more. Understood God better.

# Surrendered! Forgot the past. Heb. 10:17
B. To OBEY or DISOBEY JESUS.

1. Why should I obey Jesus?
   Ans: From AESCHYLUS, "Obedience is the mother of SUCCESS and is wedded to safety."

2. Why? Because JESUS has something no one else has! **REST** within the soul.

   Ill. Bob Harris. Office conference 7-14-75
   32 yrs. old. Married 14 yr. old when he was 17. Two children. His son. Another man's daughter. Divorce! Drifted, wandered, loafed, shot pool, worked at bars.
   Woke up! 6-29-75. Asked, "When you are 40, what be?" 3 answers: in prison, on skid row or a Christian!
   Started to church. Friend invited him to Midtown. Lesson: Marriage, divorce and Remarriage. Straight! Impressed. Stayed with the Bible! First ever saw do that!
   Tired of sin. Weary of loneliness. Sick of being lower than NOTHING!!
   I want PEACE & REST: I've come to Jesus:

   1. Know Life is only habits. Help me get in good-ruts, good habits.

   2. Need a crutch! Scripture to explain why I CANNOT touch liquor ever again
   Gave him Rom. 14:21. Like rules of AA. Become brother's keeper and will preserve your own HAPPINESS.

C. To OBEY or DISOBEY MY PARENTS.

1. Why should I obey my parents?
   Ill. Head-strong girl. Had measles.
   Parents left for a visit—commanding her to stay in bed. Winter time. Other rooms were cold. She had an obstinate nature. Wanted writing supplies upstairs, plus a few other things—so wandered around the house till folks came back. This was Friday.
   She was BURIED Tuesday morning!!!
   Contracted Pneumonia (highly susceptible during measles). Disobeyed, Life shortened

QUOTE: Medical Dr. & psychologist:
"The child, who has learned obedience stands 4 times the chances of surviving illness, and especially serious illnesses, to the child who has not learned to obey his father & mother."

**III.** Story of Bobby and the fast freight train. 5 yrs. old. Found hole in fence. Went out on train track to see the "twain." Whistle blew! Mother looked out instinctively. Saw her son standing in middle of the tracks. Whistle was at the crossing 33 seconds away. Mother PETRIFIED. Opened window and shouted to son, "Bobby, lie down--right now son, lie down.

Bobby was well-disciplined. Obeyed instantly. 102 freight cars passed over his body!!! When train gone he was frozen to the ground. Suffered only a few bruises and scratches where hanging objects had barely clipped him. OBEDIENCE saved his life.

**III.** Also, story about a bigger boy, Gene Day. Manchester section of SE Houston. Back yard incident. Knocked flat by 70 year old father. Next day: Invited to go to Galveston for a rumble. Looked at Dad. Head shaking. Didn't go! Man stabbed to death. No one would squeal. All three still in Pen. Gene is Texas Highway Patrolman, stationed 500 yards outside the Huntsville walls confining his three schoolmates. Difference? OBEDIENCE!!

**D.** To OBEY or DISOBEY ELDERS.

1. Why should I obey elders?

2. Support the Program of your Local Cong.!!!
   c. Go TO worship in spirit & truth. J 4:24. Attitude is the basic key! Love God!!

**INV:**

**QUESTION:** Is your heart right with God TONIGHT?

You been obeying or disobeying God!!!

If disobeying--do you miss the Peace & Joy the faithful Christian HAS???

Can get it back!!

**TIME:** 8:40. WHAT IF--Jesus came at 8:50 you be glad you resp. to Inv. song!!