



CLASS THREE: OBEDIENCE

Jesus is our standard for growth. Jesus lived a life of obedience to His Father. If Jesus lived a life of obedience, then we also have to live a life of obedience.

[John 14:31].

Jesus said that a proof of His love for His father was obedience to God. A proof of our love for God is seen in obedience. Obedience is however not possible when we are not surrendered totally to Him.

Obedience Is Possible!

It is possible to live a life of true obedience to Jesus.

The one who sent me is with me; He has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases Him [John 8:29].

Jesus always did those things that pleased His Father, we can also do those things that always please Him. Jesus did not obey the father only in some seasons, He obeyed Him in every season.

Noah and His Obedience to God

"Noah did everything just as God commanded him" **[Genesis 6:22].**

"And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him" **[Genesis 7:5].**

Obedience in Little Things

If we do not obey God in the little things He tells us to do, we cannot obey Him in the big things. We must never look down on any assignment God gives us, no matter how small the assignment is. We must learn to obey God daily and in the little things

****Obedience is a guarantee for carrying His presence****

Obedience ensures that we carry the presence of God.

The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him. [John 8:29].

Jesus said the father was with Him because he always did what pleased the Father. He always obeyed what His father told Him. If we want God to always be with us we must learn to do what He tells us always.

If you want to ensure that God's presence is with you always, then walk in continuous obedience

Difficulty of Obedience

Obedience is not easy, the closer we get to God the greater obedience He demands from us. It was not easy for Abraham to take Isaac and offer him as a sacrifice. **[Genesis 22:2].** It was not easy for Jesus to be left alone by all the disciples and His father and also die on the cross.



Why Obedience Is Not Easy

1. Because God normally requires that which we are not able to give out easily. Abraham was asked to take his only son, whom he loved.
2. Because our flesh would always oppose what God has called us to do. A lot of things might have been on Abraham's mind when God asked him to give up his son. It is possible he did not sleep the whole night before setting off. There must have been a battle on his mind during the three-day journey.
3. Because God does not give all the details when He calls us. Abraham was asked to go to a place where God was going to show him. He had to wait for further details while following God daily.

Obedience is necessary for maturity:

I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go. **[John 21:18]**.