

Love, Honor and Obedience!

KJV John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Jesus said if we love Him, we will obey Him!

Obedience is the act of submitting to authority; it's listening and acting upon what is heard!

James 1:22 ... "Be doers of The Word and not hearers only, doing so we deceive ourselves."

23 If someone listens to God's word but doesn't do what it says, he is like a person who looks at his face in a mirror,

24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

James says this person looks in the mirror sees he needs to wash his face, brush his teeth, and comb his hair **but doesn't**.

He clearly sees what needs fixing but walks away thinking he looks good and when people see him, they think he's a fool for looking this way!

This dishonors our Heavenly Father who gives us everything we need for life and godliness.

We make ourselves look like fools if we say we have God in our lives, yet we won't let Him fix us and bless us!

This **dishonors** God making it look like He gives birth to children He can't take care of!

❖ **Obedience brings honor to those we obey, just as disobedience brings them dishonor!**

There was a popular Christian song out with lyrics that said...

"I love God, you don't love God what's wrong with you?"

Loving God is **not** an **emotional response** to God, it's **not** how we feel about God, it's how we respond to God's **need!**

It's the same with the people we love!

You say **God doesn't need anything!** God needs His children to honor Him by living right, **God needs us to live like He's living in us!**

Biblically speaking loving God is responding properly to His Word!

We respond properly to God's Word by **obeying** it, **protecting** it and **sharing** it!

❖ **First, we have to hear God's Word!**

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

God sends **people** to declare His Word so people can respond to it get saved and come into The Kingdom.

Once we come into His Kingdom, we **must** live by Kingdom Laws and principles.

These laws and principles are taught to us by Holy Spirit and anointed men and women of God!

In order to obey God's Word we have to **know** and **understand** it!

Holy Spirit and **Spirit filled teachers** help us understand God!

Obeying is simply doing what it says!

The first thing we let The Word do is change us!

We don't know what needs changing in their lives, until we hear The Word! The Word constantly reveals things in us God wants to change.

If we love God these last 7-8 months of this pandemic us studying The Word and being changed by it; **there should be massive changes in The Body of Christ.**

Saints should be transforming by the renewing of their minds—there should be **massive spiritual growth in The Church!**

This is happening in the people that LOVE GOD!

If you're **not growing in God, what's wrong with YOU?**

Obeying The Word is loving God and preserving what is good and right for the next generation to follow and bless the world!

Protecting The Word is doing what Jude says “*I write to you and encourage you to **continue** your fight for the Christian faith that was entrusted to God's holy people once for all time.*”

*Col 1:23 If ye **continue** in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*

Continuing in The Faith is **staying on course!** Not letting anything or anyone **rob** you of your faith (Col 2:8).

❖ If we **stop** walking by faith how will **others learn to?**

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

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Sharing God’s Word is also part of loving, honoring, and obeying God.

*ESV Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Remember **The Word** is **seed!** It must be sown into the hearts of people so God can get a harvest of sons and daughters.

We respond properly to God’s Word by **obeying it, protecting it and sharing it!**

As we do these things we are transformed into the very image of The Word—we become more like Jesus The Word!

The Word became flesh and lived among the people!

Sharing The Word is loving God and preserving was it good and right for the next generation to follow and bless the world!

We honor God by OBEYING, PROTECTING and SHARING who He is, what He says and what He wants!