

Obedient Till What?

1. Three Key Elements(fundamentals) that define obedience that makes us obedient

- a. The English word “obey” comes from a Latin word meaning “to hear.”

Enhances Strong’s Lexicon

- i. **Obey(Hear)**- 1 to hear, listen to, obey. 1A to hear (perceive by ear). 1A4 to hear with attention or interest, listen to. 1A5 to understand (language). 1A7 to listen, give heed. 1A7A to consent, agree. 1A7B to grant request. 1A8 to listen to, yield to.
 1. Rom 10:16Romans 10:16-18 (NKJV)
¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ¹⁸ But I say, have they not heard?
 2. American Her Dic.- Hear- To listen to and consider favorably; To attend or participate in
- b. **Obey(Submit)**- 1 obedience, compliance, submission. 2 obedience rendered to anyone’s counsels, an obedience shown in observing the requirements of Christianity
 - i. **Submit-** to submit to one’s control. 5 to yield to one’s admonition or advice. *Additional Information:* In non-military use, it was “a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden”.

American Heritage Dictionary

- c. **Obey(Execute)**- To carry out or fulfill the command, order, or instruction of.

- i. **Dictionary.com Execute-** to carry out the terms of (a will).

1. **Joel 2:11-**¹¹ The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word. (Scattered sheep within a flock)

Luke 8:11-15

¹¹ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those by the wayside are the ones who **hear**; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³ But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they **hear, receive** the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have **heard, go out** and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having **heard** the word with a noble and good heart, **keep it** and **bear fruit with patience**.

James 1:22-25

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

2. Obedience pertaining to God and Pastors/Leaders

- a. **Hebrews 13:17-** Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

- b. **Acts 5:29-** But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men

3. Lack of Obedience brings:

- a. **Rejection:** 1 Samuel 15:20-26-²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, “But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹ But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” ²² So Samuel said: “Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? **Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice**, And to heed than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the

LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king.” (a couple of verses later the Spirit of the Lord Departed from Saul)

- b. **Captivity**: 1 Kings 18:11, 12-¹¹ Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away captive to Assyria, and put them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, ¹² because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded; and they would neither hear nor do *them*.

4. Ultimate example of Obedience; Jesus

- a. **Submissive**- Matt 26:39, 42-³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.”⁴² Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, ⁸if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”
- b. **Learned**- Hebrews 5:7-10-⁷ who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸ though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
 - i. Christ experienced ridicule, persecution, backbiting,
- c. **To Death**-Phil 2:5-11-⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalms 119:15

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word.