

Obedience is still the delight of the Lord

As true believers it is our true desire to please God and never to vex the Holy Spirit. We attempt to attain more knowledge and thereby have an increased opportunity to know the will and way of God. In our quest to be the delight of our Lord we saturate our atmosphere with gospel music and make sure that our cell phones ring a heavenly message. Some have even become ‘Gospel groupies’; traveling behind a favorite prophet or healer trying to gain a better understanding of the mysteries of God or hoping for some overflow of their anointing. After we have spent our precious time and resources searching for the answers we find that it has always been right in front of us.

1st Samuel 15:22 says “...Hath 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 hearken than the fat of rams”. In all of King Saul’s religion he forgot that the secret to the heart of God is an obedient servant not one with a BIG ENOUGH offering. We spend TOO much time and money trying to gain more knowledge instead of obeying what we already know to be the Word of God. Many of the sacrifices that we make are as a result of our disobedience and don’t get us anywhere with heaven and only make us poorer on earth. Obedience is a character trait that is a spiritual by product of a Holy Ghost filled believer who has submitted to the will of god. The true mark of a believer is not found in the abundance of tongues that a person speaks or church position. The power of the believer does not even lie in the amount or weight of the anointing that one possesses. The true power of the redeemed is in hearing the Word of God and the doing exactly what we are instructed to do. You may not be asked of God to do big things or wondrous acts that will be seen. If our desire is to be the delight of God, then when we obey Him. He has promised to delight in us.

The most important reason for the New Testament believer to walk in obedience is because it is a command with rewards and the very footsteps of the Lord we profess to follow. **Hebrews 5:8** “**THOUGH he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered**”. Obedience, though difficult sometimes, is a learned response of kingdom dwellers to the voice of the king of the kingdom: God. Christ testified that He heard the Father’s words and did all that He instructed Him to do. He did this in the face of great adversity, persecution and even flesh rebellion. Obedience is not a moment or a simple action, it is a lifestyle that is our shining glory and our sanctification in the earth. Our declaration is not only that we cast out demons or raise souls from the dead. Our legacy can not be that we built mega ministries or that we visited millions of the homeless and the destitute. No, the real badge of honor is the same testimony that every saint must have as our ticket to glory. We obey the one true and living God must be our battle cry and stand while we walk the earth.

Obey the voice of the Lord. Live the Word of God.