

EXPERIENCING GOD



How to Know & Do God's Will

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WEEK 9, OBEYING GOD

Life adjustments & obedience will come as you experience God's presence and power. Obedience is your outward expression of your love for God. Love and obedience go hand in hand: "If you have an obedience problem, you have a love problem." Matt. 7:21

Memory Verse for the week:

"Jesus answered him "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (John 14:23 ESV)

Obedience

Obedience is the gateway to God's blessing (see Matt. 7:21). God blesses those who obey Him (see Deut. 28:1-14). The benefits of obedience are beyond our imagination, but they include being God's people (see Jer. 7:23), having a solid foundation when the storms of life come against you (see Luke 6:46-49), and knowing spiritual truth (see John 7:16-17).

The Disciples Obeyed and God Accomplished

Jesus invited 70 disciples to join Him in the Father's work. They obeyed and experienced God doing through them something only God could do.

Read Luke 10:1-24 and answer the following questions.

- What did Jesus command the 70 followers to do
in verse 2? _____
in verses 5 and 7? _____
in verse 8? _____
in verse 9? _____
- What does verse 16 indicate about the relationship between servants and the Master, between the 70 and Jesus? _____

- What do you think the 70 came to know about God through this experience?

These disciples had been especially chosen by Jesus to be involved in His work. What they saw, heard, and came to know about God was something even prophets and kings wanted to experience but could not. These disciples were truly blessed!

You, like them, have been called out to do His work. Thru Obedience, let God do a special, God-sized work through you. You will come to know Him in a way that will bring you the joy of participating with God in Experiencing all He has for you.

