

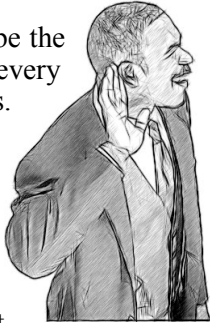
Don't Question Orders

Spurgeon

"Sir," said the Duke of Wellington to an officer of engineers, who argued the impossibility of executing the directions he had received, "I did not ask your opinion, I gave you my orders, and I expect them to be obeyed."

Such should be the obedience of every follower of Jesus.

The Words, which He has spoken and had recorded, are our law! Our obedience to them should not



be based on our judgments or fancies. We are to do our Master's bidding; advance through flood or flame. We are to do as He tells us to do!

What Our Obedience Shows

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"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8

A king is made glorious by the obedience of the subjects throughout his realm. He is honored in that way.

The parent is honored by the child. How? Not by the child's

"Don't pray to give God instructions. Just report for duty!"



running around the neighborhood and saying, "Oh, what a great man my father is" or, "What a beautiful woman my mother is" or, "What a splendid house my father has us to live in." We like to see a child manifest warmth and affection toward his parents; but publishing such things in the streets about one's parents is not glorifying those parents. If a child loves and honors his parents, he shows it by fulfilling their known wishes.

The teacher is honored, not by what the pupil says about them, but by what he does.

We honour God by fulfilling His known commands. On-looking eyes will see we love and respect God because we obey Him!

"Obeying God may not be the easiest thing to do, but it is the wisest."

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Is He Really Your Lord?

Bill Brinkworth

Often in prayers or conversations, God is referred to as "Lord". "I love you, Lord"; "Lord, we need your intervention in helping us out of this mess"; "Lord, I'll do whatever you show me to do." If, however, the situation is followed up on, and the reactions observed of the one who requested of God, it may be wondered if God is really one's "Lord".

The title "Lord" implies that another is one's master, a supreme being and absolute authority, or one's ruler. If it is true that "Lord" has a Saxon definition meaning "sole bread giver", then it also implies that the user of the address "Lord" is totally relying on God for all their provisions and needs to be met. When God is addressed as Lord, is He really all the title implies?

☞ If God truly is one's Lord, than one would do what God has told them to do. God would not

have to speak to our hearts multiple times about reading His Word faithfully, halting the sin He convicted us of doing, changing a practice in our life, or doing anything His Spirit whispered to our hearts about doing. Total obedience would be given to God, if He truly were our Lord. "LORD, it's not open to discussion. You show me and I will do it!"

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46

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Would You be Able to Look God in the Eye?

Author Unknown

A circus came to town; and everybody knows how the music, the big tent, and horses get all the children excited. Quarters and dollars are in great demand from them when the circus is in town.

A little boy was seen looking around the circus premises with a great deal of curiosity. "Hello,

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☞ If God truly is Lord of your life, He should be receiving your total respect and honor. One obeying the Lord should never dispute, question, or refuse to do the bidding of one's Master.

"A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts." Malachi 1:6-8

☞ If God is truly your Lord, then there should be proof. You should notice how you have forsaken your own will and way for His. Even those around you should see the priority you make in obeying God's will!

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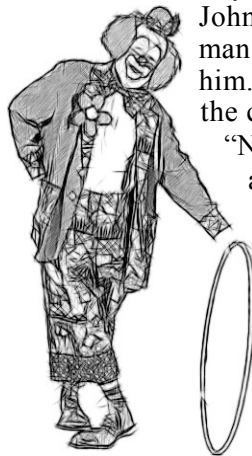
"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22

"(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." Romans 2:13

Calling God Lord does not necessarily make Him our Lord. If we make God our Lord it will be shown by our obedience and respect for Him. Is His Lordship in your life clearly exhibited in the way you live? Is God truly your LORD?

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Johnny!" said a man who knew him. "Going to the circus?"

"No sir,"

answered Johnny.

"Father don't like 'em."

"Oh, well! Here, I'll give you money to

go, Johnny," said the man.

"Father don't approve of them," answered the boy.

"Well, go just once, and I'll pay for you."

"No, sir!" said Johnny. "My father would give me money if he thought it were best for me to go. Besides, I've got more than enough to pay my own way."

"I'd go, Johnny! Just this one time. It is wonderful the way the horses are trained, and elephants, and oh yes, the clowns," said the man. "Your father need not know it."

"I shan't," said the boy.

"Now why?" questioned the man.

"Cause," said Johnny, twirling his bare toes in the sand, "after I've been there, I could not look my father right in the eye, and I can now."

Oh, if more Christian's would have the same attitude of obedience towards the commandments to them from their heavenly Father. Maybe that is why many Christians do not have a close relationship with God; because they cannot look Him in the eye.

A Benefit and Privilege

Watson, 1696

God commands nothing from us that is not beneficial."

"That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged."

Deut. 6:2

God has His reasons for telling us to do something. We should not question why.

He bids us to repent. Why? That our sins may be blotted out. *"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;" Acts 3:19*

He commands us to believe, and why? That we may be saved. *"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31*

There is love in every one of God's commandments!

Dog's Example

Christian Treasury

"I wish I could mind God as my little dog minds me," said a little boy, looking thoughtfully at his shaggy friend. "He always looks so pleased to mind, and I don't."

What a painful truth that child spoke! Shall the poor, little dog thus readily obey his master, and we rebel against God, who is our Creator, our Preserver, our Father, our Saviour, and the bountiful Giver of everything we love?

"True obedience hath no lead at its heels!"

— Adams, 1653

"To live for self or live for God is the question we all face. How one's life turns depends on how the question got answered!"