

Unscramble this verse

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(You will have to figure out where it is found in the Bible.)

When Orders Conflict

The Lookout

A young man about to enter the army was conversing with an old soldier. The latter had been giving him some strong advice on the subject of obeying orders. “But suppose, General,” said the young man, “orders sometimes conflict. What am I to do in a case like that?”

“Well, in the first place,” replied the old soldier, “they never will. At least, if they emanate from persons who have the right to order. If you find yourself at some time seemingly subject to such conditions, you may depend upon it that there has been a mistake somewhere. In that case, however, the safe way is to find out


who the superior is and obey him.”

There are a good many times in ordinary life when at first glance orders seem to conflict. In times like this the safe plan is to take the old soldier’s advice and obey the superior.

At one time, Peter and John were ordered by the magistrate to quit preaching. I have no doubt that under ordinary circumstances these men would have given heed to the voice of the officers of the law. In this case, there was the order not to speak, from the magistrates, and the order from God to hold not their peace. They settled the matter by obeying the superior Commander.

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Keep My Commandments

Bill Brinkworth

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” *John 14:15*

In John Chapter 14, Jesus has made it very clear that those that believed in God must also believe and obey Jesus’ commands. At least three times in that chapter alone God’s Son urged his followers, that if they really loved Him, they would obey what he commanded. Elsewhere in the Bible, it is commanded at least twenty times to honor and obey what He asks us to do. Obeying God’s commands is one of the most important teachings found in His Word.



Obeying God’s directives is the main purpose God has preserved His written Word for us. Yes, the Word does tell us about Moses, the law, Jesus, but its main purpose is to provide us a way to know the unchanging mind of God. Someone once described

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Test of Obedience

Earnest Worker

Dr. R. A. Torrey said, “One evening I was told that a minister’s son was to be present in my congregation, and though he professed to be a Christian, he did not live for the Lord.

I watched for him and found him in the service. At the close of the service, I hurried to the door by which he would leave, and shook hands with different ones as they left. When he came, I took his hand and said, ‘Good evening. I am glad to see you. Are you a friend of Jesus?’

“Yes,” he answered heartily. ‘I consider myself a friend of Jesus.’

“Jesus said,’ I replied, ‘Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.’

“His eyes fell. ‘If those are the conditions, I guess I am not.’”

A native of the Congo prayed, “Dear Lord, you be the needle, and I will be the thread. You go first, and I will follow wherever you may lead!” — Christian World Facts

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the main teaching of the Bible in one word — government! They used ‘government’, because it all boils down to who is going to govern our lives; the flesh and things of this world or God!

It is important to God that you heed his commands; so your life will be successful. God knows that not obeying his commands usually leads one to sin, and that all suffer when paying the consequences for their iniquities. Obeying Him will keep us from being hampered by our transgressions. When we are clean from unrighteousness, He can use us the way He desires. God is not just trying to “keep us from having fun”; as more than one young person has told me. Father knows best, and He wants the best for His own.

People can have much biblical knowledge in their head, but if it just stays there and never alters their life or directs them to follow God’s path, they are on the wrong road. His desire is for us to read, heed, and follow.

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

Too many nod their head in acknowledgment of what the preacher says from the pulpit, but they never make the connection from their intellect to their spiritual heart. They leave the church service the same way they came with no changes.

That is one of the exciting blessings with working with children. They usually do not have the excuses and laziness of those that are older. When someone shows them what the Bible says, without hesitation, worrying about what others will think, or what they learned in school that contradicts what the Bible says, they come forward and obey. We all need to have the same attitude towards obedience.

Most, without hesitation, agree they should obey what God desires them to do as recorded within the Bible’s pages. Then what keeps them from obeying it? Usually their reasoning for disobedience includes:

They are unsaved. The unsaved have a different master and do not have a desire to obey the true God. Even many that claim to be religious are uninterested or do not have a clue as to what His commands even mean. *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven..” Mat. 7:21*

They are ignorant of His commands. If people do not read and study the Bible for themselves, they will never have God’s personal message spoken to their heart. Going to church is important, but it is not the pastor’s job to spoon-feed all our knowledge of God’s commands to us. We do have a responsibility in that area to read and study God’s Word.

They are rebellious. Although, certainly harsh, the truth is if we know what God’s Word says about something we are doing or not doing we are rebelling against God’s commands! Gulp! That certainly seems viler than our excuses of “I just don’t feel like doing it”, or “let someone else do it. I’m busy!” *“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” Luke 6:46*

None of us can have any reason for not obeying His Word. He has kept it for us to have just as he did for our forefathers. We have the same roadmap that they had to guide them through life. From it, we can know what God wants us to do in areas of salvation, baptism, service, giving, ministering to Him, selecting friends and spouses, and other godly advice we need to live the godly life. It is all up to us. Will you obey or not? It is that simple!

Obedience

Christian Herald

A missionary related, “For a long time we were looking for a word for ‘obedience’ — a virtue that the natives never practiced.

“A Sunday School teacher once asked her class ‘How is the will of God done in heaven?’”

One child answered,

“Cheerfully.”

Another, “By everybody.”

A third, “All the time.”

The best answer was, “It is done without asking any questions.” — *D. L. Moody*

One day as I went home from the village, my dog stayed behind. I whistled, and he came running after me at top speed. An old native man by the roadside said with admiration, ‘Mui adem delgan ge,’ which translated to ‘Your dog is all ear.’

“I got hold of that expression at once and found I had a beautiful word for obedience.”

Let us all be “all ear” to our Lord!

More Important

Sunday School Times

The agent of a powerful and wealthy business house saw an opportunity by which he felt sure he could make an enormous profit for the firm, but in order to do so he would be compelled to disobey the explicit directions which had been given him. He disobeyed his orders and carried through a very successful deal, by which his employers won large profits. If he had obeyed his orders, he would have lost. Contrary to his expectations, instead of being commended for his shrewdness he was promptly discharged from their employment. God does not demand of us success, but obedience. It is for us to keep his commandments, and he will take care of the results.

