

HOW TO DEVELOP OBEDIENCE

OUTLINE

I. WHAT IS OBEDIENCE?

II. HOW DOES GOD COMMAND OBEDIENCE?

1. Be obedient to God.
2. Be obedient to your parents.
3. Be obedient to your conscience.
4. Be obedient to your church elders.
5. Be obedient to your civil authorities.
6. Be obedient to your employer.

III. HOW DID JESUS DEMONSTRATE OBEDIENCE?

1. He obeyed God.
2. He obeyed His parents.
3. He obeyed His conscience.
4. He obeyed His elders.
5. He obeyed His rulers.
6. He obeyed His employers.

IV. WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BODY MUST BE CONTROLLED FOR OBEDIENCE?

THE RIGHT EYE

THE RIGHT HAND

V. WHEN IN HISTORY DID THE EYE AND THE HAND INITIATE DISOBEDIENCE?

VI. HOW DOES THE WOOD DUCK ILLUSTRATE OBEDIENCE?

1. Wood ducks learn attentiveness first.
2. Wood ducks have obedient parents.
3. Wood ducks obey commands quickly.

VII. WHOM SHOULD WE OBEY WHEN OUR AUTHORITIES DISAGREE?

1. Determine who has jurisdiction over the matter.
2. Jurisdiction of Parents:
3. Jurisdiction of Government Authorities:
4. Jurisdiction of Church Leaders:
5. Jurisdiction of Employers:

VIII. HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO VIEW AUTHORITIES?

1. Purpose of authority:
2. All are to submit to authority:
3. Appeal to authorities through Scripture:

4. If you are told to do something that violates God's Word, follow the next two steps.

IX. WHO IN HISTORY WAS OBEDIENT BY REFUSING TO CARRY OUT A COMMAND?

X. WHEN DO GOOD WORKS FAIL THE OBEDIENCE TEST?

1. What is iniquity?
2. When did iniquity begin?
3. How is iniquity overcome?
4. A Prayer of Obedience

XI. HOW TO BE OBEDIENT

1. How to Obey God

Bring your mind under God's Spirit.

Learn God's Laws for your success.

Acknowledge the sovereignty of God.

Receive God's remedy for disobedience.

Present your body as a "living sacrifice."

Give God control of your money.

2. How to Be Obedient to Your Parents

Honor your parents.

Obey your parents instantly.

Do each task without murmuring.

Seek instruction, teaching, and guidance.

Acknowledge commands, and report results.

Know when and how to make wise appeals.

Pray for your parents daily.

3. How to Be Obedient to Your Conscience

Purpose to have a good conscience.

Restore a damaged conscience.

Clear up past offenses.

4. How to Be Obedient to Your Church Elders

Give elders double honor.

Confirm the teachings of your elders.

Discuss the teachings of your elders.

Pray regularly for elders and instructors.

Provide financial support for your elders.

5. How to Be Obedient to Civil Authorities

Accept civil authorities as God's ministers.

Support civil authorities with your taxes.

Help civil authorities carry out justice.

Pray for civil authorities and their families.

Be an informed voter.

Learn the laws and obey them.

6. How to Be Obedient to Employers

Purpose to make your employer successful.

Clarify the jobs that are given to you.

Do jobs in the order of their importance.

Do each job the way you were told to do it.

Look for ways to be more efficient.

Work for quality control

Do cleanup as part of the job.

XII. HOW TO BALANCE OBEDIENCE WITH DISCERNMENT

1. With Enthusiasm

2. With Love

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT