

The Expedience of Obedience

Acts 5:17-32

A Picture of Obedience

2 Samuel 6:10–11 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹ Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

1. Has God been telling you that there is a _____ of sin that you need to make.
2. Has God been telling you there's some _____ that you need to perform, someone that you need to go to and make amends with.
3. Has God been telling you there's some _____ that you ought to give
4. Or is there a _____, a _____, that you ought to give?

I. The _____ for Obedience

First, Obedience is a _____ to be performed.

1 Samuel 15:22–23 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. ²³ "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king."

Disobedience is not only like _____, but it's also iniquity. Disobedience is a _____ in the face of God.

Secondly, it is a _____ to be paid.

Acts 5:30–32 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. ³¹ "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. ³² "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Third, It is a _____ to be preferred.

Acts 5:41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

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II. The _____ for Obedience

All true obedience is _____ obedience. You must hear from God in order to obey God.

Acts 5:17–19 But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,

There must be _____ obedience. Doing right is not merely _____ from doing wrong.

Proverbs 8:32–34 “Now therefore, O sons, listen to me, For blessed are they who keep my ways. ³³ “Heed instruction and be wise, And do not neglect it. ³⁴ “Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts.

It must be _____ obedience.

Acts 5:28 saying, “We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”

It must be _____ obedience. _____ obedience is not obedience at all.

Acts 5:33 But when they heard this, they were cut to the quick and intended to kill them.

It must be _____ obedience—doing the will of God from our heart.

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

III. The _____ for Obedience

Number one: the spirit will be received - Do you want spiritual power in your life? God is not going to give spiritual power to _____.

Acts 5:32 “And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

You will never know the _____ of the Spirit until you know the _____ of the Spirit.
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When the Spirit is _____ - Joy is _____!