

# Obedience

John 14:21 - He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me, and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and disclose Myself to him.

## “He who has My commandments”

Jesus defines the \_\_\_\_\_ of the scriptures as His.  
(Isa 55:11, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 4:12)

## “and keeps them”

Our response to loving God is to \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments.  
(1 John 3:18, 1 John 1 John 5:3)

## **Other responses to God’s word other than obedience:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ they respond to the scriptures with the objective of obtaining knowledge, but don’t believe it is applicable to their lives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ they respond to the scriptures as a type insurance to avoid going to hell.
- \_\_\_\_\_ they respond to the scriptures as something they do to makes them feel good until something better comes along.

## “He it is who loves me”

- It is \_\_\_\_\_ that gets to decide what it means to love Him.

### **Many people say they love God, but they find it difficult to obey His commands:**

- A person in an unhappy marriage - I love God, but I can't live like this any longer
- A shy person – I love God, but I can't talk to people about my relationship with Christ
- A busy person – I love God, but I'm too busy right now to serve Him
- A greedy person – I love God, but I just don't have any money to give to His work

### **Many people strive to be obedient to God for the wrong reasons:**

- I strive to be obedient to God so I will be worthy to gain salvation.  
(Eph 2:8-9)
- I strive to be obedient to God so that I might not lose my salvation.  
(John 5:24, John 10:27-29)
- I strive to be obedient to God to keep Him from punishing me.  
(Rom 8:28, Heb 12:6, Rom 8:1)
- I strive to be obedient to God to get Him to love me more.  
(Rom 5:8)

### **The correct reason to be obedient to God:**

- The right motive for being obedient is because you \_\_\_\_\_ God  
(John 14:23)
- Being obedient because we love God \_\_\_\_\_ our motives

**“And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father”**

- God loved us \_\_\_\_\_ before we ever loved Him  
(1 John 4:19, Rom 5:8, 1 John 4:9-10)

**Ways we can increase our love for God:**

- We can increase our love for God by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Luke 7:41-42; 47)
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(Psalms 119:32, Jeremiah 15:16)
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(Psalms 116:1-2)
- We can increase our love for God by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)
- We can increase our love for God by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mathew 6:20-21)

**“And will disclose Myself to them”**

- What ways does Christ disclose Himself to us?

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