

GREATER OBEDIENCE

GREATER, #5

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Psalm 119:1-5 (NLT) “Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees!”

1. Respond immediately to God.

Psalm 119:60 (NLT) “I will hurry, without delay, to obey your commands.”

2. Trust God completely with my life.

Genesis 3:1-5 (NLT) “The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

3. Enjoy the blessings of God.

Psalm 119:16 (NCV) “I enjoy obeying your demands, and I will not forget your word.”

Psalm 119:47 (NCV) “I enjoy obeying your commands, which I love.”

4. You'll experience fewer problems.

Psalm 119:110-112 (Message) "The wicked do their best to throw me off track, but I don't swerve an inch from your course. I inherited your book on living; it's mine forever—what a gift! And how happy it makes me! I concentrate on doing exactly what you say—I always have and always will."

5. You will see God's blessing in your life.

James 1:12 (CEV) "God will bless you, if you don't give up when your faith is being tested. He will reward you with a glorious life, just as he rewards everyone who loves him."

6. You will naturally want to obey Him.

1 John 5:3 (CEV) "We show our love for God by obeying his commandments, and they are not hard to follow."

"Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God, trusts God; and he that trusts God, obeys God." -Charles Spurgeon

Psalm 119:112 (CEV) "I have made up my mind to obey your laws forever, no matter what."

Growthwork:

1. What part of the message challenged you today?
2. How is your faith, obedience, and God's promises all dependent on each other?
3. Commit to obeying in faith, even if you don't understand.
4. What is God asking you to do? What are the reasons you haven't done it yet?
5. Is there any of God's instructions you haven't been obeying?
6. How has your love for God grown as you've obeyed Him?