

1 Samuel 15:22

The dictionary defines obedience as 'dutiful or submissive compliance.' For a believer, that means surrendering our will to God. To sacrifice is to 'to give up, renounce, or destroy, especially for an ideal or belief.' It's releasing something to the Lord that is valuable to us.

Obedience is defined as "dutiful or submissive compliance to the commands of one in authority."

"Dutiful" means it is our obligation to obey God, just as Jesus fulfilled His duty to the Father by dying on the cross for our sin.

Submissive indicates that we yield our wills to God's. "Commands" speaks of the Scriptures in which God has clearly delineated His instructions.

The "one in authority" is God Himself, whose authority is total and unequivocal. For the Christian, obedience means complying with everything God has commanded. It is our duty to do so.

God values the surrender and trust of a believer more than the external actions or rituals that they perform.

Is being obedient easy or hard? Romans 7:19-25

We know what we're supposed to do. We long to obey God in our heart, and we know obedience is God's path to blessing, but we have a struggle in doing it sometimes.

Our emotions and thoughts must be filtered through and align with the truth of God's Word; and our will must be subject to His will and purposes. (John 14:15)

Obedience to God's commands is the true sign of your love for God, and the only way you can know if you are obeying God is by knowing his Word. Luke 6:46-49

The Bible has much to say about obedience. In fact, obedience is an essential part of the Christian faith.

How do you and I become more obedient to the will God? Philippians 2:8,

We obey Him because we love Him John 14:23.

we must beware of using a veneer of obedience to mask a sinful heart Matthew 23:27-28

Today, we are not called to obey the Law of Moses. That has been fulfilled in Christ Matthew 5:17

We are to obey the "law of Christ," which is a law of love Galatians 6:2; John 13:34.

Jesus stated the greatest commands of all: Matthew 22:36-40.

If we love God, we will obey Him. We won't be perfect in our obedience, but our desire is to submit to the Lord and display good works. Matthew 5:13-16