

ACCEPTABLE OBEDIENCE

Isaiah 1:10-20

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Acceptable Obedience

- Some obedience is not acceptable. Isaiah 1:11ff
 - Sacrifices, feasts, prayers. (cf. Malachi 1:6-10)
- Warned of disobedience. Deuteronomy 4, 8, 28-30
- Purpose of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Change necessary to acceptable obedience. Romans 6:16-18
- Not simply a matter of performing the act. Revelation 22:14

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Submissive Obedience.

(hupotasso) "primarily a military term, to rank under" (W.E. Vine)

"to arrange under, to subordinate; to subject, put in subjection" (Thayer)

- Wives and children. Colossians 3:18; Ephesians 5:22ff; cf. 1 Peter 3:1ff; Ephesians 6:1

"Subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ." Ephesians 5:21

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Submissive Obedience.

- Because God said so!
- Jesus came to do the will of the Father. John 6:38; Philippians 2:5-8
- Submitting to authority. Luke 7:1ff
- Our aim. 2 Corinthians 5:9-10
- Not everyone is pleasing to Him. 1 Thessalonians 2:15; 2 Corinthians 10:18
- Try to learn how to please God. Ephesians 5:10
- Please Him in all things. Colossians 1:9-10

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Obedience Of Faith. Romans 1:5; 16:26

- Outgrowth of faith. Hebrews 11
- Faith comes by hearing. Romans 10:17
- Obedience necessary. James 2:22ff

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Prompt Obedience.

- Today! 2 Corinthians 6:2
- Abraham arose early. Genesis 22:18ff
- Israel failed. Deuteronomy 1:41-45
- Examples of conversion. Acts 2:41; 8:36ff; 16:30ff

Procrastination robs.

- Children, grandchildren.
- Felix. Acts 24

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Complete Obedience.

- Partial obedience is disobedience!
- Every thought must be brought into obedience. 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Caleb. cf. Joshua 14: 8-9, 14
- Young prophet. 1 Kings 13
- King Saul. 1 Samuel 15

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Whole Hearted Obedience. Psalms 119

- Obedience from the heart. Romans 6:16-17
- Giving. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- No complaining. Philippians 2:14

NOTE: Anything we do in service to God, that doesn't have its origin, isn't prompted by, isn't prompted and consummated by the promptings of the heart, isn't worth the time it takes to do it! Isaiah 1; Malachi 1

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Consistent and Persistent Obedience.

- "Always" Philippians 2:12
- "Continued steadfastly" Acts 2:42
- Hearer that "continueth." James 1:25
- "Always abounding." 1 Corinthians 15:58
- "Be thou faithful unto death." Revelation 2:10

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

Loving Obedience.

John 14:15, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." ASV
John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." KJV (cf. John 14:21,23-24)

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Loving Obedience.

1 John 5:3-5, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, (even) our faith. And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

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Things Necessary To Acceptable Obedience

- **Submission.**
- **Obedience.**
- **Promptness.**
- **Complete.**
- **Whole Heart.**
- **Consistent and Persistent.**
- **Love.**

"His commandments are not grievous."

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