

## DAILY READING: OBEY GOD

Today I choose to obey Jesus' commandments. I am a new creation in Christ. As a new creation, I have been given a fresh start and a new identity in Jesus. My old life is gone and my new life has begun. Obedience to His Word is evidence I have been transformed. Today I choose to follow God in all things. I pray each morning and choose to let His Spirit lead me. As I do, His Spirit gives me the desire and the power to obey Him in all I do and say.

Today I choose to obey Jesus by loving God with my heart, mind, soul and strength, and by loving others. As I obey His command to love God and others I experience greater satisfaction and joy. My desire to obey Him is evidence that God is in my life. I have been changed for eternity because of His love and grace. I cannot work for or earn His gift of eternal life, it is free through grace. I choose to obey because of this incredible gift of love. As I obey my loving Heavenly Father, He transforms me into the likeness of Jesus, the perfect model of obedience. Today I choose to obey Jesus' commandments.

I do not obey because I have to but because I want to show my love for Jesus and serve Him. God's desires and my desires are becoming one. My life is more than just religious talk; my actions reflect the new me. He has given me all the tools I need to live in obedience to His Word. Loving God and loving others is the mark of a true follower of Jesus. As I obey Him I find freedom, creativity, and the power to face whatever this day may bring. Today I choose to obey Jesus' commandments.

### MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:15  
 "If you love  
 me, obey my  
 commandments."  
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### ACTIVITY:

Obedience not only applies to our spiritual life but also in our day-to-day lives. Do you struggle with obeying? Is it hindering you from being your best self as a disciple of Jesus? Ask a friend to pray about obedience with you.

## DAILY STUDY: OBEY GOD

**DAY 1:** I am a New Creation - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (Page 884); Galatians 2:20 (Page 891)

**DAY 2:** Wholeheartedness - Hebrews 12:1-3 (Page 927); Deuteronomy 6:5 (Page 144)

**DAY 3:** Living Out Faith - Matthew 23:25-28 (Page 754); James 1:22 (Page 930)

**DAY 4:** Remain in God's Love - John 15:9-11 (Page 824); 1 John 4:9-12 (Page 943)

**DAY 5:** Armor of God - Romans 13:11-14 (Page 867); Ephesians 6:10-18 (Page 898)

**DAY 6:** Obeying with my Thoughts - Colossians 3:2-4 (Page 903); Philipians 4:8 (Page 901)

**DAY 7:** Love God - John 14:15 (Page 823); 1 John 2:4-6 (Page 941). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

## LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?