

*Day 4*  
**LEARNING OBEDIENCE**

**Quick Recap of Day 3:**

**Three things that Characterize a disciple of Christ?**

- Fruit
- Obedience
- Love

**Notable thoughts:**

- Love produces obedience, and obedience produces fruit.
- The more we love Jesus the more natural it becomes to obey Him.
- Consistent obedience produces consistent fruit.

**What does the following statement mean to you:**

I value my relationship with God more than anything in the world.

**IMPORTANT: TO KNOW:**

The key to discipleship is obedience to Christ's\_\_\_\_\_.

When you have life in Christ, a lifelong, obedient relationship with Him is a natural result.

**Read the following verses in your Bible and match the benefits of obeying Christ's commands.**

1. John 15:10

2. John 14:21

3. John 13:34-35

4. John 13:17

a. You show you're His disciple.

b. You are blessed.

c. The Father loves you and reveals Himself to you.

d. You remain in His love.

# THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS

## OBEYING CHRIST'S COMMANDS

OK, you think, that sounds good. I want to obey Christ's commands. I want to have those benefits I just read about. I want to be involved in His mission. But how do I take the first step? How do I start the process of obeying Him? To obey Christ's commands requires two things: **knowing them and doing them**. Do you know them? Are you doing what Christ commanded?

**Read the following verses in your Bible and write in your own words what Christ wants you to emphasize.**

### **Matthew 5:19-20 KJV**

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

### **Matthew 7:21,24-27 KJV**

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

### **Matthew 28:19-20 KJV**

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

### **James 1:22 KJV**

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

The Bible is very clear about what area Jesus wants you to emphasize. You may have answered something like this: (1) Doing and teaching His commands. (2) Doing His will and practicing His teachings. (3) Observing any or all of His commands. (4) Doing the Word.

What is one step you can take to know and do His commands so that you can be obedient?

Recite John 15:5 from memory to someone in your group. Become better acquainted with this group member. As you get to know them, discuss together how obedience relates to discipleship.

Who have you chosen to be your prayer partner?

Identify one or more of the following that you are ready and willing to do.

Give Christ first priority in your life.

Follow Christ by obeying His commands.

Abide in Christ so that He can produce His life and fruit in you.

Devotion: Study Matthew 26:47-56. Write your reflections.