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Obedience vs Disobedience

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The subject of teaching today is sometimes a subject that can cause us to have second thoughts as what our part we have to play in this area of learning. We find in reading the scriptures that Jesus learned obedience through life events. How did He respond? He left diety and came as man as Jesus, learning obedience by being obedient to His parents. Obedience must be learned.

Phil 4:12-13 "I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty."
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Isa 1:19 "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:" KJV

This verse is the result of having a great attitude.

Heb 5:8 "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;" KJV

Sometimes obedience is like training an animal, continually going over the basics of training, being willing, having a good attitude and able to do a good job following through on every step of the training process. We will have a happy ending with a favorable outcome.

Phil 2:6-9 "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:" KJV

When Jesus came to earth, He left His diety in heaven, humbled Himself, became as man. The man side of Jesus had to learn obedience.

Luke 2:46-52 "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were

astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." KJV

This is the story of Jesus learning obedience, even though He was only doing what was important to Him at the time, He had caused His parents concern regarding to where He was. He begin to make right choices in regards to His parents. Obedience is always the right choice that we can make.

We don't know about the years in Jesus life before His ministry began but apparently He learned obedience through the day to day things that happened to Him. We are the same having to learn obedience by our day to day living and the things that we encounter along the way. We must be wise enough to learn obedience, because if we don't learn obedience we will have to continue taking the tests over and over.

Disobedience means to make bitter or unpleasant, defiance is conveyed in this word, it means to rebel, it means to resist, offend, despise, fight and quarrel, it means hard to manage, it means extremely stubborn, but there is a good side to stubbornness in order to do the will of God.

Eph 5:21 "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." KJV

Obedience means hear and do with intelligent understanding, New Testament obedience is submissive, do what one is told or carry out orders, yielding to authority.

1 Sam 15:22-23 "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." KJV

1 Sam 15:22-23 "Tell me," Samuel said. "Does the Lord really want sacrifices and offerings? No! He doesn't want your sacrifices. He wants you to obey him. 23 Rebelling against God or disobeying him because you are proud is just as bad as worshiping idols or asking them for advice. You refused to do what God told you, so God has decided that you can't be king." CEV

These scriptures tell about the children of Israel wanting to have a king like the other

nations had, but Samuel tries to tell them that it will not be a good thing for them in the long run. He is trying to tell them that being obedient will be the most important thing for them to do, not the sacrifices that they want to make. Rebellion and stubbornness would cause iniquity and idolatry. The people went ahead and chose Saul to be their king even though Samuel warned them of the outcome they would have. They chose Saul because on the outside he looked like what they wanted, but they could not see the inside of him and that eventually he would become disobedient wanting to do things his way. He had been told by the Lord to destroy all of Israel's enemies, everything that they possessed, but he chose to do things his way and caused his downfall and that of Israel because of his disobedience. Stubbornness and pride were his downfall. Partial obedience is really disobedience. The whole story is found in the books of Samuel and what the final outcome was.

Rebellion is like witchcraft, stubbornness always causes pride, not allowing us to humble ourselves, wanting to do things our way. Rebelling against God is disobeying Him, because of being proud it is as bad as worshipping idols, refusing to do what God has told us.

Phil 2:8 "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." KJV

Jesus is our example in learning total obedience. In order for us to reign as kings and priests today, we must learn obedience and deal with stubbornness and rebellion in our own lives. We learn by submitting to the plan of God that He is in charge and that we are not, even though sometimes our mindset is, we can do everything on our own but when we get in trouble we will call on Jesus to help, which He will, but that is not the plan that God has for each of us.

Obedience is learning to humble ourselves or come under authority, being submissive, learning to hear the one who has authority over us and then carrying out the orders that are given to us.