

GUARDIANS OF THE GLORY THROUGH OUR OBEDIENCE

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Pro 4:24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Pro 4:25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Pro 4:26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Pro 4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Guardians: Protector, guard, sentinel, keeper, custodian, warden.

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

1Sa 15:24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

WE WERE ALL BORN WITH THE SPIRIT OF DISOBEDIENCE

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

IF WE WANT TO ENJOY AND KEEP THE BLESSINGS OF GOD, IT STARTS WITH OBEDIENCE

Joh 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

1. **Noah's success in building the ark for the salvation of his family was predicated on his obedience:**

Gen 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

2. **Anyone who starts out to serve God must determine to obey Him regardless of the cost.**
3. **Abraham**: Obeyed God and became the Father of the righteous

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed**; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

4. **Saul**: Lost his soul and his own kingdom of acts of disobedience:

1Sa 15:22 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.**

1Sa 15:23 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.

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isa 1:19 **If ye be willing and obedient**, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Isa 1:20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

5. **Even the winds and the seas have enough since to obey Him.**

Mat 8:27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

6. **A women's uncut hair is he Glory:** (You must guard it, over the opinions of carnal people).

1Co 11:6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

1Co 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

1Co 11:15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given her for a covering.

7. **I am asking God to stamp upon your minds the importance of obeying the Lord.**

ENEMIES OF OBEDIENCE

1. **Enemy #1:** Unbelief

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Heb 3:18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

Heb 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

- a. We must be strong in faith like Abraham, he did not allow himself to “stagger...at the promises of God through unbelief. But let his faith grow strong until he “against hope believed in hope (Romans 4:18-20).

2. **Enemy #2:** Fear

- a. Fear keeps many from obeying the Lord. Such fears as persecution, the loss of employment, the loss of social standing, of being misunderstood; of losing the love or favor of someone, of being ostracized (not accepted), or cast out.

“Perfect love casteth out all fear”

3. **Enemy #3:** Pride

- a. Pride is a great hindrance and has kept many people from obeying God.

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God is not in all his thoughts.

Psa 73:6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

- b. Pride also hardens the minds of people to the extent that it is not easy for them to believe and obey the Lord.

4. **Enemy #4:** Oppositions and Threats often become great enemies to Obedience.

- a. Some people think that everything should operate smoothly and in perfect order if they obey God and live for Him. These ideas are contrary to the teachings of the Word of God.

2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

- b. In living for God, you may as well expect opposition, from both men and devils. It is evident that the Lord leads His children in such paths in order that He may prove His care for them; also manifest His

delivering power and give grace to overcome every opposing force – be it from men or devils.

5. **Enemy #5**: Worldliness and Pleasure

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adj. **world·li·er, world·li·est**

1. Of, relating to, or devoted to the temporal world.

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2Ti 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica;

a. The danger of seeking worldly pleasure, and keeping up with the fads and fashions of this world is, one gets to taken up with it until he had no time for God and church and soon forgets both.

6. **Enemy #6**: Traditionalism

a. Traditionalism keeps many people from obeying God - before and after they are saved. Traditionalism incorporates those laws and regulations (doctrines and teachings) of men that are handed down (often orally) from one generation to another.

Mat 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.

Mat 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

b. They pay attention to what men have to say about certain subjects of the Bible and ignore the solid and plain teaching of God's Word.

7. **Enemy #7**: Procrastination the most subtle enemy of Obedience

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

Phip 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence (carefulness) to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

- a. It is the enemy's job to get you to put off obeying God until some future time.

Heb 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

2Co 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)