

The Blessing of Obedience

1. Obedience is not difficult.
2. Rebellion is difficult.
 - a. The way of the transgressor is hard.
 - b. By comparison, the way of the obedient is easy and blessed (Matthew 11:30).
 - c. When you are obedient, your enemy is yourself, your flesh, the world, and Satan.
 - d. When you are disobedient your enemy is God.
3. Blessings are different than gifts.
 - a. Gifts are free – simply received – requiring no obedience.
 - b. Blessings are the rewards of obedience.
 - c. You are saved to do good works, obedience.
 - d. Works follow you to heaven for the Judgment Seat of Christ and rewards.
4. Blessings follow the obedient, but destruction follows the wicked.
 - a. Deuteronomy 7:9, 15
 - b. Psalm 37:9-11
 - c. Exodus 15:26
 - d. 2 Chronicles 6:14
 - e. Psalm 25:20-21
5. Stay confident and patient. You will see God's reward (Psalm 25:20-21).
6. God's compassion is released to His obedient children. We have more compassion toward our children when they are obedient.
 - a. Psalm 91:14-16
 - b. Psalm 84:11-12
 - c., Psalm 145:8-9