

## Celebrate God with Your Obedience, Part 2 | the best way

**I. Review**

- The greatest calling in your life is to worship God. But you will never worship God if you don't love Him more than you love yourself. And if you love God, you will be obeying Him. Therefore, obedience is — in its totality — worship.
- Obedience starts by doing the right things. Of course, what is right is ultimately ordained by our sovereign God. It's not something we or any other human gets to decide.

**II. Obedience is doing the right thing . . . in the right way.**

- I Corinthians 11:27-32; II Samuel 15:22
- It doesn't matter if you do what you're told if you don't do it the right way.
- **Quickly**
  - The idea behind this concept is that you need to do what you're told within the time constraints given by the authority (whether that be from God or from man).
- **Sweetly**
  - II Corinthians 9:7
- **Peace**
  - Galatians 5; Philippians 4; Matthew 5; II Timothy 2; I Thessalonians 5; Colossians 3:14-15
  - If you want to learn to obey sweetly, the word of Christ is going to have to dwell richly in you, because only then can you start to experience the peace of Christ.
- **Contentment**
  - II Corinthians 2; Philippians 4; Hebrews 13:5
  - Just like the 10 Commandments, Hebrews 13:5's call to contentment is rooted in the nature and character of God. If we believe what God says, we can't *not* be content.
- **Joy**
  - Galatians 5; James 1:2
  - Mature disciples of Christ should one day come to the place where they're able to count it all joy when an authority tells them to do something — even if that thing is difficult or uncomfortable or “not fun.”
- **Gratitude**
  - Colossians 3:14-15
  - All of these ideas: peace, contentment, joy, and gratitude are all tied together and necessary for the others to exist. We need to strive to not just do the right things, we need to do them with a contented, joyful, thankful peace. That is true “sweetness.”
- **Completely**
  - II Samuel 15; Joshua 7
  - e need to stop living under the delusion that partial obedience is true obedience.

**III. Start doing the right things in the right ways**

- Read and understand God's Word.
- Expect Christ-honoring obedience from yourself.
- Work on maturing in your obedience with a friend!