

John 17 Bible Study Week 5

Obedience: Keeping His Words

Word study

Action Verb Exercise

1. First underline all the verbs. Verbs are action
2. Second determine the person, place or thing that is doing the action and circle it.
3. Identify the person, place or thing that is acted upon and double underline that word.

Example:

Romans 15:5

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,

John 17:4, 6, 8, 14, 17, 22

I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world.

They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them.

They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

Sanctify them by the truth;

your word is truth.

The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one

1) Spiritual maturity

Spiritual maturity is not reached by the passing of the years, but by _____ to the will of God.

2) Define obedience

Complying or willing to comply with an order or request; submissive to another's _____.

3) Sin and obedience

Obedience is the antithesis of Sin

Sin is a willful transgression of the known will of God.

Obedience is the willful following of the known will of God.

4) Hierarchy of obedience:

1. Jesus to the _____ 17:4 "Finishing the work"

The acts and actions of Jesus as he walked this earth were because He knew what the Father wanted and willed for Son.

- a. He glorified the Father by finishing the work (will) of the Father
- b. You glorify (recognize the essential nature) those you obey

2. Disciples to _____ 17:6 "obeyed your word"

The acts and actions of the disciples as they were taught, performed miracles, and would spread the seed of the gospel because it was what the Father wanted and willed for these 11 men. See also 17:18

3. All believers to the _____ 17:22 "Perfecting in Unity"
4. All believers to other _____ 17:22 "Perfecting in Unity"

5) Obedience begins with knowledge (NOT A FEELING)

Obedience begins with a knowledge of Jesus that conforms our attitudes.

Jesus prayed that we are given the _____ VV 8,14

Out of this knowing we develop an attitude (an act of our will).

Obedience is the _____ following of the known will of God.

6) Obedience continues with an affection of the heart V 8

Reactions to truth:

1. We can reject it off hand
2. We can acknowledge it but ignore it
3. We can argue about it until we exhaust the bearer of the truth
4. We can accept it but use it as a shield from any other truth
5. We can grab it, hold it, put it down deep into our hearts and simply love it.
6. We can take that truth and let it change us.
7. We can allow it to set us apart. V17

It is not enough to let the words into your _____, we have to integrate them into our _____.

Obedience is always _____.

7) Obedience is always associated with an **act** of the will V 6

New American Standard uses the word *kept*. Teterekan: only place used in the New Testament. Root of this word is to guard over, to protect in response to orders.

It is an attitude of mind, to an affection of the heart, to an action of the will

- Obedience to Jesus comes from the Word in our heads
- Obedience to Jesus comes with hiding it in our hearts,
- Obedience to Jesus is revealed in acts of the will.

A Christian is not saved because he obeys; he obeys because he is saved.

8) What is a Christian

We cannot claim to be Christians if we live _____ lives.

9) What if we fall short.

Missing the mark. Shot, made the attempt, with the best of our ability to hit the bullseye but the arrow did not hit the center.

While the goal is to be obedient to all things. Sometimes the spirit is willing and the flesh is weak

Obedience is coming to Jesus and _____ His word.

When we are saved we don't join a democracy, we enter a theocracy.

As a guard watches over his charge in response to the authority of his commander so we as believers follow the instructions of the master