



## ***OBEDIENCE* Brings Blessing**

As you go through each lesson, look up the Bible verses and answer the questions in the blanks provided. When you are finished with this lesson you and your mentor will meet to discuss your answers and any questions you may have. This is not a pass/fail test, so answer honestly as you understand things. We want you to understand, not just to give the “right” answer.



Though we have been willing to trust God for salvation, we are often reluctant to trust God *completely* with the rest of our lives.

My goal as a Christian should be to live a joyful, victorious, fruitful life with a capacity to serve God and man. This can only become possible for me through the practical application of God’s commands to my life.

*Obedience* means that I desire to obey God, and that I desire to do everything in my power to please Him.

1. Jesus said if we are really disciples what will we do? [Read John 8:31](#)

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2. If we do what the Bible teaches, what will we know?  
[Read John 8:32](#)

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3. What will the truth do for us? [Read John 8:32](#)

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4. Who is the *truth*? [Read John 14:6](#)

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Because the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth, we cannot have the truth unless we have *Him*. Also, because the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth, *He*

is the One who sets us free. There is no knowledge of truth or freedom from sin apart from *Him*.

5. Many people say that the Bible says one thing, others say it says another. How did Jesus say we can tell what is right and what is wrong? Read [John 7:17](#); [I Corinthians 2:13](#); and [Isaiah 8:20](#)

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6. The Lord Jesus said, "If a man loves Me he will" do what? Read [John 14:23a](#)

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7. If we do as *the Lord Jesus* commands, what will *He* do? Read [John 14:23b](#)

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8. Who else will love us? Read [John 14:21b](#)

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9. Do you love God and His Son, Jesus Christ?

Yes     No

10. Why will a person *not* keep Christ's sayings? Read [John 14:24](#)

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11. Do you always want to be found obedient to the Lord in *every area of your life: business, church, social, family?* (Think about it.) Read [I Peter 2:2a](#)

Yes, in every area     No, not in every area

To be obedient to God and Jesus Christ, is to do what He says in His Word to do. Think carefully about several areas of practical obedience in your life: baptism, church membership, tithing, witnessing, prayer, moral purity, controlling the tongue, separation from the world, etc.

12. What is the *first* thing the Lord Jesus tells us to do in [John 15:7a](#)?

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13. Define the word “abide.” *Use a dictionary*

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14. What is the *second* thing the Lord Jesus tells us to do in [John 15:7a](#)?

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15. What is the promise if we do these two things? [Read John 15:7b](#)

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16. *Who* has God given to every believer to help understand everything God has said? [Read John 14:26](#)

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17. What is true about a person who hears (accepts or welcomes) the words of God? [Read John 8:47a](#)

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18. What did the Lord Jesus say was the reason people would not hear His Word? [Read John 8:47b](#)

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19. What was Christ’s attitude toward His Heavenly Father? [Read John 8:29](#)

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20. What should be the source of our obedience to God? [Read Romans 6:17](#)

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**21. Is God's expectation of obedience and dedication reasonable or unreasonable? Read [Romans 12:1-2](#)**

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**22. Do you desire to keep God's Word?**

Yes     No

**23. Are you still doing your best to *read the Word of God* each day, as you promised you would in the first lesson?**

Yes, daily     Yes, most days     No, only sometimes

**24. Are you still *praying* each day?**

Yes, daily     Yes, most days     No, only sometimes

**25. What kind of response can I often expect from the unsaved when I obey God? Read [II Timothy 3:12](#) and [Matthew 5:10-12](#)**

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**26. What should we do when the opinions of others strongly oppose what God wants us to do? Read [Acts 5:29b](#)**

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**27. What did you learn from this lesson that you did not know before?**

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**28. How can you make this a part of your everyday life?**

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# MEMORIZE THESE VERSES for Lesson Six

(pick the translation that works best for you)

Title to verses: OBEDIENCE

**John 14:15 (KJV)** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

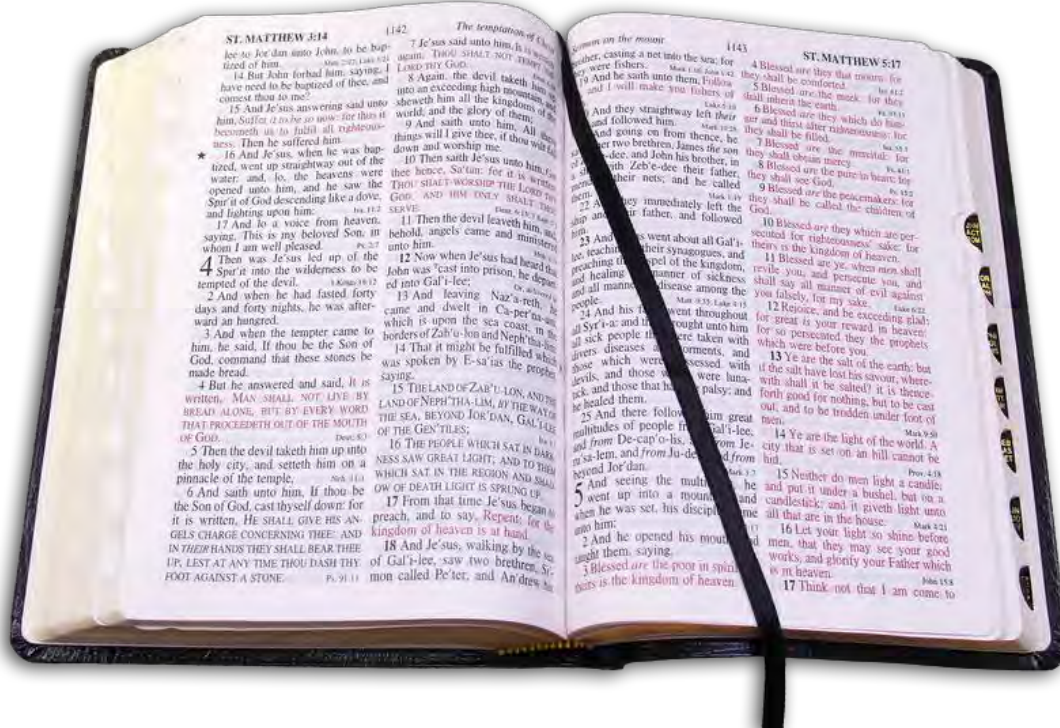
**John 14:15 (NASB)** If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

**Acts 5:29 (KJV)** Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

**Acts 5:29 (NASB)** But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

**2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV)** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

**2 Corinthians 10:5 (NASB)** We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.



# ACCOUNTABILITY PAGE

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Mentor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date I completed Lesson Six: \_\_\_\_\_

My Mentor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

A Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



HAMILTON SQUARE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**Remember:**

*It's important to be at church whenever you are able, so you can continue to grow in the Lord!*

**SUNDAYS**

9:45 am – Bible Study or Sunday School

10:50 am – Morning Worship Service

*Lunch & Mingle*

1:30 pm – Afternoon Church Service

**WEDNESDAYS**

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

# DIGGING DEEPER

*OPTIONAL: Extra information*



## HOW CAN I DECIDE WHAT IS WHAT IS RIGHT FOR ME?

*By Dr. David C. Innes*

Every Christian is faced with situations about which he must make decisions, but about which there seem to be no clear Scriptural statement. Many of the issues we face are not addressed or identified in the Bible by name. How then, can I know what to do when faced with such questions?

I must first ask whether or not there is a principle taught in Scripture that I could apply to my situation. Those sincerely interested in knowing the will of God should apply the following tests. Failing any of the tests, the matter in question should be considered unacceptable.

These Scriptural principles are timeless. However, their application may change as the immediate context or circumstances change.

## SCRIPTURAL TESTS FOR MODERN DILEMMAS

### 1. THE IDENTITY TEST

#### A. Will it affect my identity as a child of God?

“Child” = born one, one sharing the nature of the parent.

- **Romans 8:29** (KJV) *For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate **to be conformed** [inwardly and outwardly] **to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
- **Deuteronomy 14:1-2** (KJV) *Ye are the **children of the Lord your God**: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For thou art an **holy people unto the Lord thy God**, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.*

**B. Is it identified in the minds of others with that which is evil or wrong – does it communicate a wrong message about me to others?**

- **Romans 12:1-2** (KJV) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 **And be not conformed to** [poured into the mold of] **this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

**2. THE STUMBLING TEST**

**A. Will it offend the conscience of a *sincere* Christian brother?**

- **Romans 14:13 & 15** (KJV) *Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put **a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way** ... 15 But if **thy brother be grieved with thy meat** [that which I may rightfully choose to do], now walkest thou not charitably. **Destroy not him with thy meat** [exercise of my personal rights], for whom Christ died*
- **Romans 14:20-21** (KJV) *For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but **it is evil for that man who eateth with offence**. 21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*
- **1 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 11, & 12** (KJV) *7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and **their conscience being weak is defiled** [stained, made dirty]. ... 9 But take heed lest by any means **this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak**. ... 11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? 12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, **and wound their weak conscience**, ye sin against Christ.*

**B. Will it cause someone whether saved or unsaved to stumble?**

- **1 Corinthians 10:25-29** (KJV) *Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake: 26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. 27 If any of **them that believe not** bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. 28 But if any man say unto you, This is*



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*offered in sacrifice unto idols, **eat not for his sake** that shewed it, and **for conscience sake**: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: 29 Conscience, I say, **not thine own, but of the other**: for why is my liberty judged of **another man's conscience**?*

### 3. THE TESTIMONY TEST

#### A. Can it easily be construed to be evil or wrong?

- **1 Thessalonians 5:22** (KJV) *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

#### B. Will it cast a negative shadow on the good I am doing?

- **Romans 14:16** (KJV) *Let not then your good be evil spoken of.*

### 4. THE EDIFYING TEST

#### A. Does it contribute positively to my own spiritual upbuilding and strength?

- **1 Corinthians 10:23** (KJV) *All things are lawful for me, but **all things are not expedient** [advantageous, profitable, useful]: all things are lawful for me, but **all things edify** [build up, help, strengthen] **not**.*

#### B. Does it contribute positively to the upbuilding and strengthening of others?

- **Romans 15:2** (KJV) *Let every one of us please **his neighbour for his good to edification**.*
- **Romans 14:19-20** (KJV) *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and **things wherewith one may edify another**. 20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but **it is evil for that man who eateth with offence**.*

### 5. THE CLEAR CONSCIENCE TEST

#### A. Is it doubtful?

- **Romans 14:23** (KJV) *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin**.*

#### B. Can I do it without reservation of conscience?

- **Acts 24:16** (KJV) *And herein do I exercise myself, to have always **a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men**.*

### 6. THE "OTHERS FIRST" TEST

#### A. Is it pleasing (helpful, unoffensive, acceptable) to others?

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- **Romans 15:1-3 (KJV)** *We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and **not to please ourselves**. 2 Let every one of us **please his neighbour for his good to edification**. 3 For **even Christ pleased not himself**; but, as it is written, *The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.**

### B. Does it consider the feelings and welfare of others first?

- **1 Corinthians 10:24 & 33 (KJV)** *Let no man seek his own, but every man **another's** wealth [benefit, welfare]. ... 33 Even as **I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.***

## 7. THE ENSLAVEMENT TEST

### A. Is it addictive?

- **1 Corinthians 6:12 (KJV)** *All things are **lawful** [allowed, permitted] unto me, but all things are not **expedient** [advantageous, profitable, useful]: all things are lawful for me, but **I will not be brought under the power [mastery] of any.***

### B. Will it bring me into bondage?

- **2 Peter 2:19 (KJV)** *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for **of whom** [or what] **a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.***

## 8. THE GLORY OF GOD TEST

### A. Can I do it to God's glory?

- **1 Corinthians 10:31 (KJV)** *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, **do all to the glory of God.***

### B. Can I do it to in the name of Christ – with His endorsement and approval?

- **Colossians 3:17 (KJV)** *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.***

## 9. THE HEART MOTIVE TEST

### A. Does it come out of a pure (unmixed) heart?

- **Matthew 15:19 (KJV)** *For **out of the heart proceed** evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

**B. Does it come out of pure motives?**

- **Titus 1:15** (KJV) *Unto the pure all things are pure: but **unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure**; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*

**10. THE LOVE TEST**

**A. Does genuine concern for others prevail over rationalization (intellectual justification)?**

- **1 Corinthians 8:1** (KJV) *Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. **Knowledge puffeth up [makes proud or arrogant], but charity edifieth.***

**B. Will love prevail?**

- **1 John 3:16** (KJV) *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because **he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.***

**11. THE TOTAL COMMITMENT TEST**

**A. Does our love for God the ultimately determine and settle every issue?**

- **1 Corinthians 8:3** (KJV) *But if any man **love God**, the same is known [known, recognized or approved] of him.*

**B. Is God's approval more important than anything else to us?**

- **Matthew 25:21** (KJV) *His lord said unto him, **Well done, thou good and faithful servant**: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

**12. THE FRUIT TEST**

**A. What is the product of the proposed course of conduct?**

- **Galatians 5:19** (KJV) *Now **the works of the flesh** are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

**B. Are we willing to put aside the immediate for the sake of the permanent?**

- **Hebrews 11:24** (KJV) *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 **Choosing rather to suffer affliction** [endure ill-treatment] with the people of God, **than to enjoy the pleasures** [benefits] **of sin for a season**; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

**13. THE DEFRAUDING TEST**

**A. Am I taking for my own pleasure that which really belongs to another?**

- **1 Thessalonians 4:3** (KJV) *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication [th/j pornei,aj =sexual sin]: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel [physical body] in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence [passion of lust], even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond [overstep or overreach] and **defraud** [take more than one's due] **his brother** in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.*

- **pleonektei/n = to take advantage of, exploit, outwit, defraud, cheat**

**B. Am I taking for my own pleasure at the personal expense of another –**

- (1) his purity or the sanctity of his physical body?.
- (2) his life without a reciprocal commitment of my own life?

**14. THE "GARBAGE IN" TEST**

**A. Am I willingly participating in my own temptation or the corrupting of my own mind?**

- **Psalm 101:2** (KJV) *I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. 3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.*

**B. Am I protecting my own heart and mind in a responsible manner?**

- **Proverbs 4:23** (KJV) *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

**15. THE TEMPLE TEST**

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“Temple” [nao.j] in the following verses is the word used to describe the Old Testament “Holy of Holies”, the most sacred place of God’s dwelling on earth!

### A. Does it result in harm to my physical body?

- **1 Corinthians 3:16** (KJV) *Know ye not that **ye are the temple** [nao.j] of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 **If any man defile [corrupt, ruin] the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.***

### B. Does it give due reverence for this “dwelling place” of the Holy Spirit?

- **2 Corinthians 6:16** (KJV) *And what agreement hath the temple [nao.j] of God with idols? for **ye are the temple** [nao.j] of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.***
- **1 Corinthians 6:19** (KJV) *What? know ye not that **your body is the temple** [nao.j] of the Holy Ghost which is **in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in **your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.***

## 16. THE INTRINSIC VALUE TEST

### A. Is it good, worth-full, of significant or of permanent value?

- **2 Corinthians 5:10** (KJV) *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be **good or bad** [worthless].*

bad = **low grade, inferior in quality, worthless**

### B. Is it a waste of time and effort in the light of real needs and eternal values?

- **1 Corinthians 3:15** (KJV) *If any man's work shall be burned, **he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.***

Suffer loss = *fr. to affect with damage, forfeit, suffer injury or loss.*

## 17. THE DEFINITE COMMAND TEST

### A. Is there a command or statement of Scripture that clearly and definitively addresses the issue in question? If so, the issue is settled once and for all.

- B. Where there is no direct reference to the issue in question, the issue must be put under the scrutiny of the tests listed above.**

### 18. THE EXCELLENCE TEST

- A. Does it promote and produce a spirit of excellence in all you do?**

- **Philippians 1:9** (KJV) *And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 **That ye may approve things that are excellent;** that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;*

- B. Does it say “quality” and “excellence” in the minds of those who observe your life?**

**Matthew 5:14** (KJV) *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before [in front of] men, **that they may see** [see with perception] your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

### 18. THE LIBERTY TEST

- A. Does it abuse legitimate and biblical personal liberty in Christ?**

There is legitimate and wonderful freedom in Christ

- **Galatians 5:1** (KJV) *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*

The legitimate exercise of personal liberty can have a disastrous effect upon others.

- **1 Corinthians 8:9** (KJV) *But take heed lest by any means **this liberty of yours** become a **stumblingblock** to them that are weak.*

- B. Does it subvert genuine biblical liberty with selfish and evil purposes?**

- **1 Peter 2:16** (KJV) *As free, and **not using your liberty** for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.*
- **Galatians 5:13** (KJV) *For, brethren, **ye have been called unto liberty;** only **use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh,** but by love serve one another. 14 *For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

## 19. THE SEPARATION TEST

### A. Does it result with a partnership with that which or those who are engaged directly in evil?

#### Do not walk, stand or sit with them

- **Psalm 1:1** (KJV) *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

#### Do not be tied together in joint effort with them

- **2 Corinthians 6:14** (KJV) *Be ye not [lit. stop being] unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

#### Do not mix or intermingle with them

- **Ephesians 5:11** (KJV) *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [convict] them.*

### B. Does it result in a direct partnership with that which honors and glorifies God?

- **Acts 13:2** (KJV) *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, **Separate** me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*
- **Romans 1:1** (KJV) *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated unto the gospel of God,***

## 20. THE LONG HAUL (ultimate outcome) TEST

### A. What really will be the ultimate outcome?

- **Galatians 6:7** (KJV) *Be not deceived; God is not **mocked**: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but [contrariwise] he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*
- **Galatians 5:19-23** (KJV) *Now **the works of the flesh [what you and I do]** are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness,*

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*lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** [what the Holy Spirit produces] is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

### B. Is the outcome worth waiting for?

- **Hebrews 12:11** (KJV) *Now no **chastening** for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: **nevertheless afterward** [later] it yieldeth the **peaceable** fruit of righteousness unto them which are **exercised** thereby.*
- **2 Corinthians 9:6** (KJV) *But this I say, He which soweth **sparingly shall reap** [be reaping] also **sparingly**; and he which soweth bountifully **shall reap** [be reaping] also bountifully.*

### C. Am I willing to patiently wait for the desired outcome.

- **Galatians 6:9** (KJV) *And let us not be weary in well doing: for **in due season** we shall reap, **if we faint not**.*
- **Hebrews 10:36** (KJV) *For ye have need of patience [u`pomoh/j], that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might **receive** the promise. 37 For yet **a little** while, and he that shall come will come, and will not **tarry**.*

## 21. THE "COPY CAT" TEST

- **Ephesians 5:1, 5-7** (KJV) ***Be ye therefore followers** [imitators] **of God**, as dear children; ...5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.*
- **Hebrews 6:11** (KJV) *And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, **but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises**.*



**A. Who determines for me the standards by which I govern my life?**

- **Romans 12:1-2** (KJV) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable [rational, logical, thought-out] service. 2 And be not [stop being] conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
- **Galatians 6:14** (KJV) *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom **the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.***

**B. Have I as a Christian been absorbed into the world?**

- **Philippians 2:15** (KJV) *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, **without rebuke, in the midst** of a crooked and perverse nation, **among whom ye shine as lights in the world;***
- **Ephesians 5:11** (KJV) *And **have no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, **but rather reprove them.***
- **James 1:27** (KJV) *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and **to keep himself unspotted from the world.***

**C. Am I a follower or am I a leader in my relationships with the world?**

- **Matthew 5:14** (KJV) ***Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*
- **Hebrews 11:7** (KJV) *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, **moved with [godly] fear**, prepared an ark to the saving of his house [for the purpose of saving his family]; by the which **he condemned the world**, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*
- **1 John 5:4** (KJV) *For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world:** and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even **our faith.***

**22. THE VOLUNTARY SLAVERY TEST**

**A. Am I willing to give up that which I cannot keep to gain that which I cannot lose?**

- **1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (KJV)** *For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, **that I might by all means save some. 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.***

**B. Am I willing to follow in the footsteps of my Savior?**

- **Philippians 2:5 (KJV)** *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 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: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*
- **Luke 14:27 & 33 (KJV)** *And whosoever doth not bear **his cross**, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you **that forsaketh not all that he hath**, he cannot be my disciple.*



## ACCOUNTABILITY IN OBEDIENCE

After studying through Dr. Innes' *"How Can I Decide What Is Right for Me?"* Tests, what particular areas of sin are you struggling with? Do you have a habit or a number of habits over which you truly want victory?

List them here:

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One of the most helpful things a Christian can do is to maintain honest accountability with a trusted prayer partner.

**1. Do you have confidence in your mentor?**

Yes     No

**2. Do you honestly believe that your mentor can be trusted with helping you to be obedient and victorious over the areas in which you struggle with sin?**

Yes     No

If yes, then set up a time for you to speak with your mentor about this (these) particular area(s).

- Be absolutely honest with your mentor.
- Ask them to pray with you about this (these) issues.
- Allow them to check up on you in a loving, caring manner.

**3. Have you set up a plan by which your mentor can help you to be obedient and victorious over the areas in which you struggle with sin?**

Yes     No

**4. Do you think that you need to talk with a pastor for extra help with being obedient and victorious over the areas in which you struggle with sin?**

Yes     No

If yes, then work with your mentor, and he or she will help you to set up a time for you to speak with a pastor.



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If you have questions, ask your mentor to help you.  
If he or she can’t help you, they will help you set up an appointment  
with a pastor at our church. They are here to help you!