

Get a G.R.I.P.

Week 5

OBEDIENCE

O – OBTAINS GOD’S FRIENDSHIP. John 15:14 “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” We can be friends with God. Abraham was a friend of God. (James 2:23)

B – BETTER THAN SACRIFICE & BRINGS BLESSINGS. 1 Sa. 15:22 Samuel the prophet shares “...to obey is better than sacrifice.” Deuteronomy 28 lists blessings and the curses. Deuteronomy 5:29 “O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!”

E – EXHIBITS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. John 15:5 “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” The fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

D – DEATH TO SELF-LIFE & DISCIPLINE. Hebrews 12:5-6 “My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and disciplines.” Discipline must be joined with death to self. It is dying out to what we want, what we plan and so forth. Luke 9:23 “If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” Paul said: “I die daily.” 1 Co 15:31

I – INVITATION, INSTANT OBEDIENCE, & IMITATORS OF CHRIST-LIKE BEHAVIORS. Mark 2:14 “Follow me.” Levi got up and followed Christ. John 1:43 to Philip he said: “Come follow me.” Ephesians 5:1 “Be imitators of God.”

E – ENTHUSIASM, ENJOYS, and EMPOWERED when we obey. John 15:10-11 “If ye keep my commandments, These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

N – NEEDS SUPPLIED Philippians 4:19 “But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” We all have lots of “wants,” but God only promises to supply our needs!

C – CARRIES THE CROSS & CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. Luke 14:27 “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. Galatians 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

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