

*"But whoso looketh into the perfect Law of Liberty (God's Word), and continueth therein (obeys it), he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James 1:25no2 KJV*



If we do not practice our faith, we will never have the provisions of our faith, because we are only "blessed in [the] deed." In Genesis chapter 1 it says "God Blessed [Adam and Eve], and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply.'" The provision they needed to obey had already been created. God never commands what He does not enable. God's commands are His Blessings which lead us on the path of His provision. "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you." Obedience is the vehicle by which provision falls in abundance so that "there shall not be room enough to receive it." Obedience separates the believer from the unbeliever. Some say they believe, but their life is void of obedience. "He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth (obeys) not His Commandments, IS A LIAR, and the Truth is not in him."

You do what you believe! Obedience always follows faith. Faith motivates deed. "Faith without works (deeds) is dead." If a mountain climber did not trust his gear, he would not climb. If you do not trust God's Word you will not obey. You will be faithless. On the other hand, many do works/good deeds, but deny the Christ that commands them. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the GIFT of God: NOT OF WORKS (deeds), lest any man should boast." Denying Jesus Christ as God makes your good deeds null and void. "ALL our righteousness (goodness) is as filthy rags" in the sight of God without faith. If the Holy Spirit of God is in you, you will not deny Jesus and you will obey. "Beloved, believe not every spirit (satanic human belief), but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth (believes and says) that Jesus Christ (God) is come in the flesh (Emanuel; God with us.) is of God." The Holy Spirit reveals the Son who reveals the Father. His function is to lead or "guide us into all Truth." Jesus said, "I am...the Truth." The Spirit illuminates, Jesus, the Word of God which then reveals God Himself to us. Do you seem to lack God's provision in your life? The Scripture is plain that we are only "blessed in [the] deed." If you do not obey through faith you are not blessed. There is no such thing as a one-sided coin. Faith and obedience are two sides of the same coin. Without the one there is no other. It's trust AND obey, not trust OR obey.

The faithful man always obeys,  
His action proves just what he says,  
The doing of the Law of Love,  
Will bring us bounty from above. ~CGP

God's will for your life is written plainly in His Word. Do you "pray without ceasing? Meditate DAY AND NIGHT? Preach the Gospel to EVERY creature? In ALL thy ways acknowledge [God]?" Do what you know and your path will unfold before you. Jesus, God's Word IS "the Way." If God wants you somewhere, obey, and that's where you'll be! Quit wrestling with and start obeying the Truth. God provisions are only for those who obey. If you truly need (not just want) it, ask for it. "Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Asking "amiss" has nothing to do with

why or what we ask God. It has to do with asking without obedience to God's Word. Would a good parent give gifts to a disobedient rebellious child? Or grant their requests before they obey? God is the perfect Father. If we, as fallible men, understand the wisdom of not rewarding disobedience, why would or do we expect any less from God? Faith can move mountains, if accompanied by obedience, but it's greatest strength is moving the stony hearts of rebellious men.

*"Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." Eph. 6:6-8 KJV*

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