



WHY SHOULD WE OBEY GOD?

Out of love...

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.”

John 15:9-14



Out of fear...

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Matthew 10:28

“Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!””

Acts 5:29



Out of wisdom...

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God... It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret... Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”

Ephesians 5:1-2,12,15-17





HOW CAN WE OBEY GOD?

By learning His commands

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

Luke 11:28

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16



By submitting to His will

“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2



By the power of the Holy Spirit

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

John 14:15-17

THE COMMANDS OF GOD



Here is a list of some of the things
God commands us **TO DO**:

Love one another	John 13:34-35
Be humble	Colossians 3:12
Be patient	Ephesians 4:2
Forgive others	Colossians 3:13
Be set apart from the rest of the world	Romans 12:2
Care for widows and orphans	James 1:27
Give thanks in all circumstances	1 Thessalonians 5:18
Provide for relatives	1 Timothy 5:8
Be kind to one another	Ephesians 4:32
Endure trials	James 1:12

Here is a list of some of the things
God commands us **NOT** to do:

Do not curse God	James 3:10
Do not be lazy	Colossians 3:23
Do not be jealous	Galatians 5:20
Do not be anxious	Philippians 4:6
Do not show favoritism	James 2:1
Do not avenge yourself	Romans 12:19
Do not indulge in sexual immorality	1 Corinthians 6:18
Do not be divided	1 Corinthians 1:10
Do not be selfish	1 Corinthians 10:24
Do not stop meeting together with believers	Hebrews 10:25