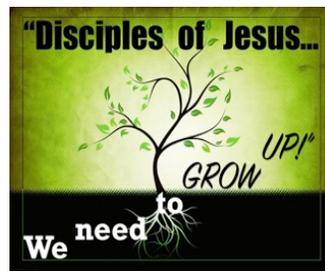


**“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”**

**Part 16: “TRUST ... the catalyst for obedience!”**

**Proverbs 3:1-12; Hebrews 11:1-40**



Introduction: You will never obey the Lord if you don't TRUST Him ... and you will never trust the Lord if you don't know Him!

**Romans 1:5-6:** “ ... we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name ...” (Romans 1:5).

**James 1:22-25:** “Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only” (vs. 22).

***The knowledge of God as your Father through faith in Jesus Christ leads to an abiding trust and a joyful obedience, producing a great reward!***

Life is so much easier when you put your trust in your Father in heaven and live in loving obedience, seeking His blessing.

### **I. Knowledge of God leads to trust in God ...**

**Proverbs 3:1-12:** “Trust in the LORD with all your heart ...” (vs. 5)

You will not trust a “god” you do not know !

**Acts 17:22-31:** “What you therefore worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you!” (vs. 23).

**Hebrews 11:6:** “Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists AND that He rewards those who seek Him!”

**Isaiah 40:27-31:** “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth!”

**John 17:3:** “This IS eternal life, that they KNOW YOU, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

ONLY true Christians, who have been born again by the Spirit of God, know God as “ Abba, Father !” (Romans 8:14-17).

**Hebrews 11:1:** “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen!”

**II Timothy 1:12:** “ ... for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what I have entrusted to Him.”

### **II. Trust in God leads to obedience to God ...**

TRUST is not based on results, but rather, on the knowledge of God and how He works.

**Isaiah 55:6-11:** “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD” (vs. 8).

Obedience to God is not optional for those who know God! (Acts 5:29)

**Hebrews 11:32-38:** “... of whom the world was not worthy” (vs. 38).

### **III. Obedience to God leads to reward from God ...**

The obedience produced by the Spirit in God's children leads to a reward that comes as a gift from our Father in heaven.

**Proverbs 3:1-12 ...** “So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (vs. 4).

**Hebrews 11:2,26:** “He considered the reproach of Christ greater than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward” (vs. 26).

**Hebrews 6:10-12:** “ ... so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (vs. 12).

**Hebrews 12:1-3:** “ ... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith!”

We serve a God who is faithful and trustworthy and so we will obey Him, no matter what the cost!

You NEED to be growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ!!!

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