

# Obedience - The Test Of Faith

**"The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back" (Isaiah 50:5).**

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A stanza in the song "Just Obey" instructs:

**If you are in the Saviour's hand.  
You must do as He commands,  
For there is no other gospel way;  
Never put the message by,  
Never stop to reason "why",  
When the Saviour speaks to you –  
Just obey.**

Obedience is not only the test of faith but also the pathway to blessings. Logo becomes Rhema that demands immediate and constant response when the Holy Spirit stirs up and brings to remembrance scriptural truths (John 14:26), if the benefits are to be realised.

Jesus applied this principle when He declared to the congregation "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:21) after reading from Isaiah 61:1-2a. He then went on to fulfil the Logo that has just been turned into Rhema for Him. Paul the Apostle left a similar example when he declared "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:10). His obedience was prompt and continuous without conferring with flesh and blood (Galatians 1:16) We must follow these examples, if we are to achieve our destiny.

In recent Church programmes, God has visited us, and quickened His Logo into the Rhema of being, doing and giving our best (e.g. obedience, faithfulness, conduct, service, etc) to Him. Our hearts were so stirred that we prayed and promises to obey. "Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have" (2 Corinthians 8:11).

Positive response to this principle will affect all aspects of life and faith including:

1) **Attitude**, which is a reflection of the aroma of

the heart. When the attitude stinks, it reflects a decaying heart. Attitude influences performance and results. God was spot on when He stated that as a person "thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).



"His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

- 2) **Faith**, in believing that there is nothing impossible for God to do through us, and in circumstances of life.
- 3) **Action**. The farmer who receives prophecy of rain in answer to prayer must go out and prepare the field for the coming rain if believes God. God will send the rain in His time, but the farmer must demonstrate his faith by action (James 2:18-26).
- 4) **Purpose** in life of being, doing and giving our best to God, and praising God at home, school, work, church and society, etc irrespective of the outcomes.
- 5) **Realising** our God given potentials by stretching ourselves beyond the limits of our comfort zones. Peter walked on water only because he was prepared to leave the comfort of the boat while others clung to it. Paul admonished Timothy "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee" (2 Timothy 1:6).

Knowledge is good, but obedience is the proof of true knowledge. The best of God is reserved for those who give their best to God. **"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land"** (Isaiah 1:19).

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17).