

# How does God command OBEDIENCE?



## 1 Be obedient to God.

*“. . . We ought to **obey** God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).*

## 2 Be obedient to your parents.

*“Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1–3).*

## 3 Be obedient to your conscience.

*“Wherefore ye must needs be **subject**, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake” (Romans 13:5).*

## 4 Be obedient to your church elders.

*“**Obey** them that have the rule over you, and **submit** yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17).*

## 5 Be obedient to your civil authorities.

*“Put them in mind to be **subject** to principalities and powers, to **obey** magistrates, to be ready to every good work” (Titus 3:1).*

## 6 Be obedient to your employer.

*“Servants, **obey** in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God” (Colossians 3:22).*

# How did Jesus demonstrate OBEDIENCE?



## 1 He obeyed God.

Jesus did nothing of His own will but did only His Heavenly Father's will in order to fulfill Scripture. (See John 5:30.)



## 2 He obeyed His parents.

At the age of twelve, Jesus wanted to continue in the Temple, but He obeyed His parents and grew in wisdom. (See Luke 2:51–52.)



## 3 He obeyed His conscience.

The ultimate example of Christ's obedience was His humbling of Himself and dying on the cross for our sin. (See Philippians 2:8.)



## 4 He obeyed His elders.

In dealing with ungodly elders, Jesus would often explain and obey the higher law of God's Word. (See Matthew 12:10–14.)



## 5 He obeyed His rulers.

Jesus said to Pilate, ". . . *Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above. . . .*" (See John 19:11.)



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## 6 He obeyed His employers.

By being employed by His (earthly) father in the family carpentry business, Jesus was certainly obedient to the instructions of His father. (See Mark 6:3.)

*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52).*