

OBEDIENCE IS A CHOICE

What is obedience?

It is a submissive behavior out of respect to another person

It is the trait of being willing to obey

DEUTRONOMY 31:15-18

God has placed on us a huge responsibility to make choice on different things one of them is making a choice to obey Him

God doesn't force anyone of us to anything because He desires a willing relationship with us,

We can either throw the golden chance to make a difference in our lives either positively or negatively

Today as I am speaking to us we have a mandate to make that choice.

God has placed Life and Prosperity on one hand and on the other hand Death and Destruction. Each side has consequences

I. FALSE OBEDIENCE

This is the obedience that we do for a show, it is an obedience based on fear to be known, and it is an obedience that is made to please people! Why? Because you will obey as long as you are with others

Many Christians obey God because they are required by others,

The dangers of this type of obedience is no one can get the opportunity to challenge you to transform because they may not get to know the state of your Heart

LUKE 15:11-32, v s 25-32

Many times we focus on the lost away son and forget the lost home son

Our focus here is the Old Son obedience! V s 25-32

The moment your view of God or your fellow Man is distorted you will not be able to obey

How was the old son view of his dad?

First he became Angry for the return of his lost away brother and probably the reason

why he could not insist on details

His view of his dad!

He viewed his Dad as a master or employer coz of this statement; All these days I have been a slave in your house

He saw his father as someone who denied him freedom but how was the Father's response?

Everything has been yours; you denied yourself that freedom to celebrate

Lessons

Many are times we are like the old son in many ways

Sometime people have to follow up with has to obey basic Christians values just the same way the father is pleading with his old son to obey the call to come in for the party

What are some of the things that someone has to follow up with you to obey?

If this is the case, how many of us are lost at home?

I plead with us to just get in and stop being spectators in your father's house

II. TRUE OBEDIENCE

A true obedience is the obedience that flow from the heart

1PETER 5:1-2a

A willing obedience flows from deep down our hearts

EXODUS 32:21-29,

Materials of all kinds were needed to build Gods tabernacle a place to meet with God just as were are doing and Moses asked people but from v s 4 it was command for them to give rather Moses preferred to working with willing hearts

EXO 36:2-7

Again you see Moses summoned willing minds to work for the lord

Lessons;

- Willing hearts will do more than requested coz it is their nature to serve
- Willing hearts are self driven, self starters and innovators

Conclusions

- This church is in need of willing and obedient hearts to serve
- Make a righteous choice today to obey God willingly and truthfully

Prayer Morning Lesson

James 5:13-18

- Lack of love and unity among brothers and sisters is a trouble
- Lack of spiritual growth and maturity is a trouble
- Lack openness is a trouble to get help is a trouble
- Coming to church late is a trouble
- Sickness is a trouble

And that's a good reason for us to pray , in fact every situation is a reason to pray.

Note,

- Only faithful prayers makes others well
- Only prayers of righteous men and women are powerful and effective , in other words can make a difference

Example, Elijah his prayers stopped the nature from taking it's place and we are told he was a man just like us the difference is how faithful and righteous we are in prayers

We will not have impact on others if our prayers are from unfaithful and un-righteous hearts

What makes our hearts righteous and faithful? Confession to God and the man.

As we are going to pray, take time to confess if anything might hinder your prayers