

Two Choices

Life is complicated. I understand that. However, some things in life don't have to be that complicated and trusting God is one of those. You really only have two choices in life that really matter. In the end it's all that will count.

(1) To believe God or (2) Not believe God.

In other words, you can expect God to move in your life or not expect Him to move in your life. You can expect Him to do what He says or not. Obedience is based on believing what God says when He speaks to you.

To believe Him, you have to hear Him, and obey what He is saying. You have to believe He is who He says He is. It means you believe Him that things will work out in the end with blessed results. It means you put yourself into God's care knowing He loves you, and you trust Him. When you do, your obedience releases many blessings into your life because that's what He loves to do.

What blessings does obedience release?

- Obedience releases the purposes of God into your life.
- Obedience releases faith into your life and increases your faith.
- Obedience releases the active purposes of God into your life.
- Obedience keeps His presence in your life.
- Obedience brings every kind of a blessing into your life.
- Obedience releases the anointing.
- Obedience releases the power of God into your life.
- Obedience releases the strength of God into your life.

In our society, to "have a good time" means to go out and enjoy doing what ever makes you feel good. Pay attention to the focus of that. Watch commercials. They feed into this way of thinking. Listen to the words in a lot of today's music. It feeds into that way of thinking. Look at Hollywood. Look next door. Look on TV or listen to the radio. Everywhere you look today the focus is away from God and turned upon me, me, me.

So, what is that? Selfishness!

- Selfishness always works against the principles of God
- Selfishness is doing what we want.
- Selfishness says we don't believe the Word of God because we don't see it when we want it.

- Selfishness says we don't expect to receive a blessing for hearing and obeying so we do what we want.
- Selfishness says we allow unbelief to overrule faith, stifling the truth because it takes too long and waiting is hard on the flesh.
- Selfishness says the cares of the world are more important than hearing and obeying because it's easier to do nothing. And by doing nothing we crowd God out of our lives.
- Selfishness says we give unbelief the right to push out what rightfully belongs to us by ignoring what we are hearing, and this prevents us from obeying.
- Selfishness says Sin? What sin? There needs to be a turning away from sin because I like what I am doing (no repentance)(the last part of this sentence I find confusing. Not sure what you're trying to say.)
- Selfishness says life is too hard, and I don't see the expected results when I want to see them. I am forced to wait, and wait, and wait. I don't like waiting.

It is the Lord's desire to bless His people! His blessings are really upon our lives and are not just some "wishful thinking." We must embrace the truth! They are God's promises to all His children who will live according to the Words that He has spoken to us. His Words are life.

We are the ones who make them something different than what they really are because we base it on how we "see" it. And what we see is always based on where we are (our perception of things).

If you have been in a season of testing and refining (and I'm sure that most of you have), then do not lose heart because your season of testing is hard and long. If you wait on Him, a release will come, bringing a lifetime of blessings for your obedience.

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