

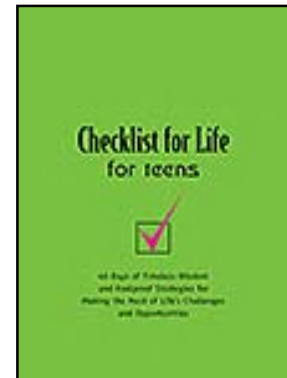
## Obedience, “Just Do It”

Above all, obedience is a necessary condition for the believer in his service to God. Both Old and New Testaments make such a directive: **“to obey is better than sacrifice”** – to mean that God desire obedience above the “sacrifices” that was once a ritual of The Law and since then, might be considered as any “works” attempted in futility to earn salvation...

This devotion reminds the young folk (and old folk alike) that:

**Genuine love is the key to genuine obedience.** If you love God, you will also follow His command to obey your parents and anyone

A requisite of obedience is a “heart adjustment”; whereby obedience becomes more a consequence of love (and honor) as opposed to obligation or show. God’s power of changing lives is internalized in the changes of the heart – once self-centered but by and by, God-centered...



### Homework:

#### Please try to do these:

- Understand that God is the final boss
- Develop an attitude of immediate obedience – rather than marginal or gradual submission
- Try to see the love reflected in obedience
- Expect that obedience will bring joy – or the pleasure of pleasing God
- For unpleasant or unwanted tasks, try to process each with prayer

#### Things to Do:

- ✓ In known disobedience, follow God’s directive to confess and ask for forgiveness; then accept the forgiveness that is promised...
- ✓ Ask for an obedient spirit
- ✓ Study Jesus’ obedience portrayed in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
- ✓ Pray for those in authority over you...
- ✓ How do you react to authority? How can you improve or change for the better?

*Obedience to God is the most infallible evidence of sincere and supreme love to him.*

- Nathanael Emmons