

The Obedience of Faith

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1–4

Series: **The Way of Wisdom**

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Overview

We are forgetful people—prone to forget God’s truths and His commands. The third chapter of Proverbs instructs us to not forget God’s teachings and to keep God’s commandments with our hearts. **The obedience God wants from us is obedience from the heart.** Yet, we often confuse obedience for something else, such as mere outward conformity to God’s rules. This is not true obedience and misses the point of God’s purpose for our obedience. To obey from the heart, we must know and embrace God’s love.

Corroborating Texts

Psalms 103:2, Psalm 119:61, Romans 6:17, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:10

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways do you tend to confuse what true obedience looks like in your life? Give specific examples. What might true obedience look like in those instances?
2. In order to obey God, we need His commands and truth on our hearts—because we don’t forget what’s on our hearts. How have you experienced this tendency to forget what is true? We hold in our hearts that which is most valuable and sacred to us. What has been on your heart lately?
3. Why is obedience from the heart—and not merely outward obedience—so important?
4. Obedience is hard, but we can be truly obedient from the heart—though imperfect and marked by sin. How? [by knowing and embracing God’s love. (See Prov. 3:3)] Discuss the outworking of this—how does one lead to the other?
5. God doesn’t want us to fall in line, but rather, to fall in love; as in, to forever rest in His love. How has God’s love for you recently motivated you to obey Him? Or, do you recognize that you’ve been obeying God out of a sense of duty, i.e. not truly obeying? How can we, as a community group and the body of believers, help one another truly obey?