

# The Christian Arsenal

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## FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTIONS 50 DAYS OF FAITH

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Part 7 of 8

*"Follow all the directions the Lord has given you. Then life will go well for you."*  
Deut. 5:33 (GN)

### WHAT GOD PROMISES IF WE OBEY HIM

*"God blesses those who obey Him."* Prov. 16:20 (LB)

*"God saves those who obey Him."* Psalm 7:10 (GN)

*"The Lord watches over those who obey Him."* Psalm 33:18 (GN)

*"The Lord takes care of those who obey Him."* Psalm 37:18 (GN)

*"You help all those who obey you."* Psalm 7:9 (NLT)

*"God gives us what we ask for because we obey His commands." I John 3:22  
(NCV)*

*"Always obey the Lord and you will be happy."* Prov. 28:14 (GN)

*"Keep God's law and you will live longer."* Prov. 19:16 (GN)

*"Those who obey the Lord lack nothing good."* Psalm 34:10 (GN)

*"Those who obey Him have all they need."* Psalm 34:9 (GN)

### YOU WILL . . . .

*"... live in perfect freedom."* Psalm 119:45 (GN)

*"... have greater wisdom."* Psalm 119:100 (GN)

*"...  dwell in security and peace."* Prov 1:33 (NAB)

*"... be prosperous and successful."* Josh 1:8 (GN)

*"... be great in the Kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:19 (NCV)*

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“... be rewarded.” Prov. 13:13 (NCV)

## OTHER PROMISES

Prov. 19:23 (GN)

Prov. 10:27 (GN)

Psalms 25:14 (GN)

Psalms 128:1 (GN)

Psalms 106:3 (GN)

Luke 11:28 (NIV)

Psalms 111:10 (NLT)

John 15:7 (LB)

## **OBEDIENCE IS THE PREMISE BEHIND EVERY PROMISE.**

God gives us His promises by Grace, but we can enjoy His promises when we follow the directions and instructions.

God often gives us rules and commands in His Word – and they are not suggestions – they are commands.

Obedience is a demonstration of faith. Obedience is the key that unlocks God's blessings in life.

## HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISES

### 1. OBEY GOD IMMEDIATELY.

*“I will quickly obey your commands ...”* Psalm 119:32 (NCV)

*“Without delay I hurry to obey your commands.”* Psalm 119:60 (GN)

If there is any time in your life when you should hurry it is when God tells you to do something.

You obey God immediately whether you feel like it or not. Whether you understand it or not.

You don't have to understand something to benefit from it.

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I don't understand how a brown cow can eat green grass and produce white milk with which you can make yellow butter – but I'm still going to enjoy it.

Only immature people go by their feelings. Mature people do the right thing in spite of their feelings.

When we delay obedience, it means we're questioning God.

## 2. OBEY GOD COMPLETELY.

*"Lord, you gave Your orders to be obeyed completely."* Psalm 119:4 (NCV)

### TWO IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES

1. God's standard of right and wrong has never changed.
2. God has a bigger perspective than you.

*"... your job is not to decide whether God's law is right or wrong, but to obey it."*  
James 4:11c (LB)

The oldest temptation is not lust, lying, or gluttony. It is to doubt God's Word.

*"Did God really say you shouldn't eat of this tree? You can eat of everything else in the Garden of Eden, but you're not to eat of this tree. Did God really say that?"*  
Gen 3:1 (Mes)

*"Trust God from the bottom of your heart. Don't try to figure out everything on your own."* Prov. 3:5 (Mes)

## 3. OBEY GOD JOYFULLY.

*"Obey Him gladly."* Psalm 100:2

*"I enjoy obeying Your commands."* Psalm 119:16

*"I find pleasure in obeying Your commands."* Psalm 119:47

### THREE REASONS IT'S ENJOYABLE TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS

1. Because I'll have fewer problems.
2. I know I'm going to be rewarded in heaven and I can see all those promises that God has made.
3. It's enjoyable because I love God.

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*“Loving God means doing what He tells us to do ...”* 1 John 5:3 (LB)

God measures your love by your obedience.

*“If you love me, keep my commandments.”* John 15:10

## **4. OBEY HIM CONTINUALLY.**

*“I am determined to obey you until I die.”* Psalm 119:112 (LB)

*“Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I’ll wholeheartedly obey.”* Psalm 119:33 (LB)

*“We must be sure to obey the truth we have learned already.”* Phil. 3:16 (NLT)

*“Faith without actions is dead.”* James 2:20

### **STATEMENTS OF FAITH WE HAVE DISCUSSED THESE PAST 7 WEEKS**

1. Faith is expecting the best, even when things don’t look good.
2. Faith is stretching my imagination, even when I’m full of doubt.
3. Faith is taking the initiative even when I feel like procrastinating.
4. Faith is taking risks for God even when I am afraid.
5. Faith is persisting even when I feel like giving up.
6. Faith is giving my tithe back to God even when I think I can’t afford it.
7. Faith is doing whatever God tells me even when it doesn’t make sense.

*“Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to me as Lord, but they still won’t enter heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father.”* Matt. 7:21 (NLT)