

Lesson 1: Must Obey God's Laws

OBJECTIVE: To focus on the first characteristic of an MSMBC disciple and discuss how we must obey and apply God's laws in everything we do.

***The Number 1 characteristic of a Mt. Sinai Disciple is to obey God.**

Why should a disciple of Jesus Christ make the conscientious decision to obey God?

***Read Deuteronomy 30:20**

By loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding close to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, so that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

The reason a disciple should choose to obey God is that He Blesses Your Life.

When you and I choose to obey God, we are actually choosing to live because obedience prolongs life.

Could it be that people experience?

Setbacks	Frustrations	Divorce	Rejection	Financial Difficulties
Loss of Job	Health Issues	Missed Opportunities	Failure	

Because they disobeyed God?

What should a disciple do to correct disobedience in his/her life?

I. Follow the Example of Christ

There are many important points to model about the life of Jesus Christ, but the one word that sums up all points is **Humility**.

Jesus humbled Himself.

***Read Philippians 2:5-8**

Point: If there is a point of correction in a disciple's life, it is the acknowledgment of arrogance and pride. To be a disciple of Jesus, arrogance and pride are not a part of the lifestyle or character of a disciple.

Humble Yourself and:

A. Consider the Interest of Others (vs. 4)

Christ's death on the cross was not about Himself, but it was about the salvation of others. Jesus said, "I came to seek and to save those that are lost."

OBEDIENCE: When you obey God, your life will be a blessing to others because you have submitted to the Lordship of Christ.

OBEDIENCE: When you obey God, it means you will show the love of Christ to others.

Characteristics of an **MSMBC DISCIPLE**

B. Develop a Positive Attitude (vs. 5)

Disciples are positive thinkers. Their mental mindset is to think of what Jesus would do. By doing so, you place hope in what Christ would do in a situation and you apply His knowledge and wisdom.

C. Empty Yourself (vs. 7)

Jesus emptied Himself of His glory in order to take our sins upon Himself.

OBEDIENCE: What is it that you have too much of, and it needs to be emptied out?

D. Take on Humble Spirit (vs. 8)

When Jesus emptied Himself, He followed through with death on the cross.

OBEDIENCE: When you humble yourself, you are more likely to follow through with serving in ministry.

OBEDIENCE: The reason many do not serve in ministry is that they are truly not humble in their spirit. They have a hiccup about something. If they truly emptied themselves of their pride, they would find room in their spirit for service.

II. Correct Conduct and Character

***Read Luke 2:51**

A. Subject Yourself to a Higher Authority

Jesus subjected Himself, even though He was God, to His earthly parents. It demonstrated His love towards his parents. It revealed His character to do right in any situation.

B. Develop a Sense of Righteousness

***Read 2 Corinthians 5:21**

Jesus became sin for us, so we could focus on being righteousness

OBEDIENCE: Choose an area of your life to make right.

C. Obedience develops righteousness (vs. 21)

***Read Romans 5:19**

Jesus was obedient to death, which resulted in a disciple being made right to do the will of God and serve God with humility.

CONCLUSION

Disciples are called to obey God's laws

1. Exodus 20
2. Matthew 22