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Seeking Him: Part 3
Obedience
1 John 5:1-5, John 14:15

Obedience
to God is an
Expression
of our Love
for God.

Introduction:

Obedience: Doing exactly what I am told, when I am told to do it, with a right heart attitude.

I. Marks of a Christian (1 John 5:1-5)

- A. Jesus is the son of God (Gospel)
- B. Love God and His children
- C. Obeys His commandments
 - 1. Obeys = Carry out, to accomplish, to practice
 - 2. Keeps keep watch over, guarding like a treasure
- D. Don't find His commandments burdensome

II. Half-Hearted Obedience (1 Samuel 15)

- A. Whose words did Samuel speak to Saul?
- B. Did Saul obey? (Vs. 5,7-9)
- C. Things we can learn about obedience from Saul:
 - 1. Those whose boast about their obedience may be trying to cover up their disobedience
 - 2. In God's eyes nothing is more important than obedience
 - 3. Disobedience reveals a rebellious heart
 - 4. The smallest matter of disobedience is no small matter

III. Making it Personal:

- A. Is there anything I know God wants me to do that I've not yet done?
- B. Am I continuing to do something that I know God wants me to stop?
- C. Have I placed any limits on what I am willing to do for God?

Conclusion:

The only reliable means of measuring our love for God is to examine whether we obey Him. We may dress the part, act the part, talk the part of being a Christian, but none of these things prove that we genuinely love God. Obedience is the only way.