

Short Sheet # 6 Obedience in an Instant Society

"The essential thing in heaven and earth" is that there should be long obedience in the same direction; there thereby results, and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living." Fredrich Nietzsche

1. Why do we need to be obedient? Read 1 John 22-6, Jn.14:15

2. Read Rom.3:9-20. What do these verses tell us about our natural ability to be obedient to God?

3. If we naturally disobey God, should we just give in to our natural state? Read Rom.6

4. So how can we be obedient to God's Word? Rom.12:2.
 - a. How? Read God's Word and discover what he has to share with you.
 - b. Pray and establish a strong, growing relationship with God.
 - c. Constantly try to imitate Jesus.
 - d. Be in fellowship with other Christians who care enough to guide us when we wander.
 - e. Can you think of others?

5. Once we have decided to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in our lives, we will prove that he is Lord, by submitting to him hour by hour and obeying him in the daily affairs of life. Some of those areas are represented in the following illustration (Read: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Peterson above). Let's spend some time evaluating where we are in our own lives, what have we submitted and what haven't we submitted?

Can you think of things in each of these areas that need to be brought under God's control? How can you go about doing this?

Self

Money

Possessions

Education

Relationships

Career goals

Leisure time