

**Answer Key:**

**4 ways to Obey...**

1. Lord your God
2. neighbor
3. prayer
4. Bible

**Are You a “Disciple” in training...?**

- trained
- disciples
- Christian

**Our Part...**

1. time
2. love
3. other
4. do
5. serve
6. Pass on

**The Results...**

1. immediately
2. completely
3. joyfully
4. continually

**FOCUS**

**Part 3**

“Obedience”

**2 John 1:6 NIV**

*And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.*

**Introductory Statement**

*Therefore, the meaning of Christian obedience is the act of submitting (obeying) to the commands (laws) of God, the highest authority, creator, and Father of mankind. If you have faith in God and believe Christianity is the truth, obedience is the practice of living by faith, obeying the teachings of the Bible.*

**Deuteronomy 5:33 GWT**

*"Follow all the directions the Lord has given you. Then life will go well for you..."*

## What the Bible says about Obey....

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

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

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

"The Lord takes care of those who obey him." Psalm 37:18 (GNT)

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

"God gives us what we ask for because we obey His commands."

1 John 3:22 (NCV)

"Always obey the Lord and you will be happy."

Proverbs 28:14 (GNT)

"Keep God's laws and you will live longer." Proverbs 19:16 (GNT)

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

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

## 4 ways to Obey...

1. Love the \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 22:37-40 NCV

*"Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets are based on these two commandments."*

2. Love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

Matthew 22:39 GWT

*"The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'*

3. \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

*"Never stop praying..."*

Philippians 4:6 Message

*"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life."*

4. Read God's Word it is called the \_\_\_\_\_!

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT**

***"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."***

***The fact that God gave us the Bible is an evidence and illustration of His love for us.***

**Are You a "Disciple" in training...?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (mentored)
- The twelve \_\_\_\_\_.

- The word disciple is just a synonym for

"\_\_\_\_\_!"

**John 13:35 NLT**

***"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."***

## **Our Part...**

1. I have got to spend \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

**John 12:26 NLT**

***"Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me."***

**It is a choice**

**It is a commitment**

**It is a relationship**

2. I have got to \_\_\_\_\_ Him first and foremost.

**Mark 12:29-30 NLT**

***"Jesus replied, 'The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'"***

***Love is measured by love not by knowledge, skills, words, or service attendance.***

3. I have got to love \_\_\_\_\_ followers of Jesus.

**1 John 3:16 NLT**

***"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters."***

***Disciples work in their community!***

**1 John 4:20 TPT**

***"Anyone can say, 'I love God,' yet have hatred toward another believer. This makes him a phony, because if you don't love a brother or sister, whom you can see, how can you truly love God, whom you can't see?"***

4. I have got to \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus tells me.

**John 8:31-32 NLT**

***"Jesus said to the people who believed in him, 'You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"***

***Growth in Christ requires a pathway, a trail to follow. It's a process. Jesus' plan involved knowing, loving, growing, serving, and sharing—and that is the model.***

5. I have got to \_\_\_\_\_ others unselfishly.

**Mark 9:35 NLT**

***"He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said,  
"Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant  
of everyone else."***

***If I am going to change the world, it requires me to exercise  
and sacrifice!***

6. I have got to \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News.

**Matthew 28:19-20 NLT**

***Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach  
these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.  
And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the  
age."***

***As followers of Christ, we are called to witness and share the  
Good News. It is not enough to just love God; we must act on  
that love by following his Word.***

**Just remember...**

***The disciples did not just sit back and listen to Jesus. They  
actively followed him carrying out his teachings as they learned  
from him. We are called to follow Jesus by demonstrating our  
faith through continual and fruitful spiritual growth.***

## The Results...

1. Obey God \_\_\_\_\_!

Psalm 119:32 NCV

*"I will quickly obey Your commands."*

Psalm 119:60 GNT

*"Without delay I hurry to obey Your commands."*

2. Obey God \_\_\_\_\_!

Psalm 119:60 GNT

*"Lord, You gave Your orders to be obeyed completely."*

James 4:11 Living Bible

*"...Your job is not to decide whether God's law is right or wrong,  
but to obey it."*

Proverbs 3:5 Message

*"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out  
everything on your own."*

3. Obey God \_\_\_\_\_!

Psalm 100:2 Living Bible

*"Obey Him gladly."*

Psalm 119:16 NCV

*"I enjoy obeying Your commands."*

Psalm 119:47 GNT

*"I find pleasure in obeying Your commands..."*

1 John 5:3 Living Bible

*"Loving God means doing what He tells us to do..."*

4. Obey God \_\_\_\_\_!

Psalm 119:112 Living Bible

*"I am determined to obey You until I die."*

Psalm 119:33 Living Bible

*"Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll  
wholeheartedly obey*

**Philippians 3:16 NLT**

***"We must be sure to obey the truth we have learned already."***

**Matthew 7:21 NLT**

***"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."***