**Living like Jesus – Habits of obedience**

*And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me – Mark 8:34*

***The habits of obedience include submitting to Jesus commands first in all areas of life; & living like servants to the Lord & to others for all of life***

1. **Jesus habits of obedience**
2. Jesus humbled himself in obedience to God purpose of the cross – *He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross – Phil 2:8*
3. Jesus submitted to the will of God in all things – *Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise – John 5:19*
4. Jesus learned to obey God by His suffering – *although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered – Heb. 5:8*
5. Jesus perfectly obeyed God - *I always do the things that are pleasing to Him. John 8:29*

*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night comes when no man can work – John 9:4*

*I have glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do – John 17:4*

**Jesus Christ perfectly obeyed God’s will for His life & submitted in all ways to Him**

1. **Believer’s habits of obedience**
2. Self – denial – Mark 8:34

**Three acts of self – denial in order to be saved**

1. Deny your selfishness
2. Die to yourself – take up his cross
3. Follow Jesus – Following Jesus becomes the priority of life
4. Submission to God & others

*Submit therefore to God – James 4:7*

*Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you – James 4:10*

*Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time – 1 Pet.5:6*

The story of the Pharisee & the publican – Luke 18:9 -14

*But the tax collector standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast saying, God, be merciful to me, the sinner! I tell you this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted*

1. Submission to suffering

*But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved – Matt. 24:13*

*Do not throw away your confidence, which has great reward. You have need of endurance so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised – Heb. 10:35 – 36*

*In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus – 1 Th. 5:18*

*I have learned to be content in what circumstances I am – Phil 4:11*

1. Submission to one another in the body of Christ

*you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble – 1 Pet. 5:5*

*be subject to one another in the fear of Christ – Eph. 5:21*

***I submit to others like I would submit to Christ!***

1. Submission in marriage

*Wives be subject to your own husbands as to the Lord – Eph. 5:22*

*Husbands love. Your love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her – Eph. 5:25*

1. Submission to authorities

*Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s – Mar, 12:17*

*Render to all what is due to them, tax to who tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor – Rom. 13:7*

*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. – Heb. 13:17*

Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed – Tit.3:1

1. Faith in God

*We had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; who delivers us from so great a peril of death and will deliver us. He on whom we have set our hope. And he will yet deliver us, you also joining through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many. - 2 Cor. 1: 9 -11*

*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen – Heb. 11:1*

*But if God so clothes the grass of field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith? - Matt.6:30*

1. Obeying Jesus commands

*If you love me you will keep My commandments – John 14:15*

**Steps to improve the habit of obedience**

1. Confess your disobedience to God
2. Humble Yourself before God
3. Obey Jesus commands
4. Trust God for your needs & provision
5. Live the habits of Jesus
6. Humble yourself in your relationships
7. Remember all of your life that you are a sinner saved by grace!

**Living for Jesus – Thomas Chisholm**

**1**. Living for Jesus, a life that is true,

Striving to please Him in all that I do;

Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,

This is the pathway of blessing for me.

**Refrain:**

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,

For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;

I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;

My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

**2**. Living for Jesus Who died in my place,

Bearing on Calv’ry my sin and disgrace;

Such love constrains me to answer His call,

Follow His leading and give Him my all.

**3**. Living for Jesus, wherever I am,

Doing each duty in His holy Name;

Willing to suffer affliction and loss,

Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

**4.** Living for Jesus through earth’s little while,

My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;

Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,

Bringing the weary to find rest in