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Charles Stanley's Life Principle #2

Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him.

Reading volunteers will be needed for the following Scriptures. Please take a slip as they are passed around if you would like to volunteer.

- Acts 5:12-22
- Acts 5:23-32
- Acts 5:33-42
- James 1:2-4
- Romans 8:5-6

The Obedience of Peter and the Apostles (Acts 5:12-42)

God had a mission for Peter and the apostles. When He sent His angel to free them from prison what command did the angel give them? (Acts 5:20)

God uses a Pharisee to protect Peter and the apostles. What was his logic (Acts 5:34-39)?

Approximately Two Thousand years later, since multitudes of people follow the teachings of Jesus, what does Gamaliel's logic indicate about Christ? (Acts 5:39)

Despite their punishment (Acts 5:40), what was the apostles' attitude as they left the Jewish authorities. (Acts 5:41)

Application Application

The apostles were obedient by continuing to preach the gospel. Through this story we learn:

- Remembering how the Father has intervened in our lives in the past can help us persevere under difficult situations.
- Our obedience to God may cause persecution from the world. Even so, we should be obedient.
- We should continue in obedience to God despite the harsh treatment of this world. Our obedience should be with an attitude of rejoicing in the fact that we have been considered worthy to suffer for His name. (James 1:2-4)

Obedience requires a setting of mind (Romans 8:5-6)

Does Romans 8:5-6 describe your mind today? If not, what is hindering your submission to God?

“Obedience always leads to blessing” - Can you personally bear witness to this statement? Why or why not?

We must always remember that God is *always* working together good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28) When we are obedient to God we not only are participating in His plan for our lives, but we are staying under His protective wings (Psalm 17:8) and furthering the gospel through our actions and our words.

- Kelly Dixon