

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation

Life Principle #2

Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him.

- On what do you base the decisions you make in regards to the challenges in your life? Do you involve God in your decision making process?
- Are you making decisions for quick self gratification? Consider not only materialism, but also your spiritual wellness along with relationships in your life.
- A consequence is that which naturally follows a previous action. It is always unwise to ignore the consequences of your decisions. Consequences can be joyful, costly, regrettable and cause suffering. Are you considering the consequences of your decisions?
- Do you trust God? If so, are you being obedient to Him?

The Requirements of Obedience:

- Believe that God is sovereign—He controls all things at all times (Ps. 103:19).
- Trust that He will work for our good in every situation and circumstance (Rom. 8:28).
- Love the Lord. The Bible says we show our love for Him by obeying His commands (1 John 5:3)—and not just when they are convenient and desirable.
- Listen to Him. When you pray, make time to hear what He has to say.
- Be courageous. Obeying God takes courage because following His will often leads to conflict. You must be willing to do what is right anyway.
- Fully surrender to Him.

The Results of Obedience:

- You will experience personal victory if you follow His will, even if the world does not consider you a success. (See Josh. 1:8.)
- Obedience leads to supernatural peace and joy in every circumstance.
- Spiritual growth and maturity results when believers continue to walk with God in the midst of suffering.