

And now, Israel, listen carefully to these decrees and regulations that I am about to teach you. Obey them so that you may live, so you may enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to or subtract from these commands I am giving you. Just obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you. **Deuteronomy 4:1-2 (NLT)**

WHY ARE WE RESISTANT TO OBEDIENCE?

1. IT'S PART OF OUR _____ NATURE

So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. **Romans 7:14-17- 14 (NLT)**

2. IT'S PART OF OUR _____

3. WE'VE ALL HAD BAD _____ WITH _____ WE WERE SUPPOSED TO OBEY

WHO OR WHAT IS WORTH OUR OBEDIENCE?

FOR THE _____, THIS WAS ANSWERED WHEN WE GAVE OR LIVES TO _____

YOU CAN BE OBEDIENT TO GOD...

1. Because he can be _____

God's _____ are always _____ because he doesn't _____ anything from us

He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. **Acts 17:24-25 (NLT)**

2. Because he is _____

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love... **1 John 4:16 (NLT)**

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)**

3. Because his _____ brings _____

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Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things. You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. **Hebrews 10:32-36 (NLT)**

THIS WEEK'S READING:

APR 9: ACTS 1; DEUT. 11-12; JOB 9

APR 10: ACTS 2:1-13; DEUT. 13-14; JOB 10

APR 11: ACTS 2:14-47; DEUT. 15-16; JOB 11

APR 12: ACTS 3; DEUT. 17-18; JOB 12

APR 13: ACTS 4:1-22; DEUT. 19-20; JOB 13

APR 14: ACTS 4:23-37; DEUT. 21-22; JOB 14

APR 15: ACTS 5:1-16; DEUT. 23-24; JOB 15

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