

Church Growth





Obedience

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Do you want to obey
Jesus?

Or you **want** Jesus to
obey you?

Types of Obedience

- Full-Obedience
- Disobedience
 - Full Disobedience
 - Partial Obedience/Disobedience



“How to be a true follower of Christ”



Following

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Desire to have

- Personal relationship
- Intimate relationship
- Commitment to Jesus

I. Self-Denial

- Lustful thoughts
- Gossip, lying or slander
- Revenge or holding grudges
- Greed and materialism
- Personal comfort
- Denying the need to be accepted

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a. A Call to Surrender

Taking up your cross means choosing to **die to your own will**, dreams, and desires when they conflict with God's.



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b. A Willingness to Suffer for Jesus

It's not about **seeking pain**, but being **willing** to endure hardship, rejection, or loss **for the sake of Christ**.



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c. A Daily Commitment

Jesus says “**daily**” — this isn’t a one-time decision at church or during an emotional moment.



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III. Follow/Obey Jesus

a. Trust and Anxiety



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Matthew 6:33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”



b. Giving



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Luke 6:38

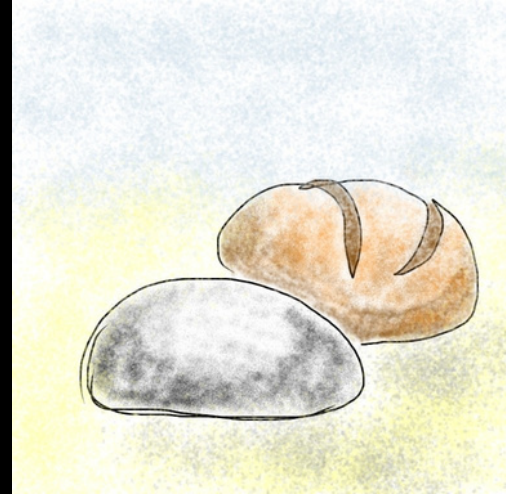
“Give, and it will be given to you.

Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap.

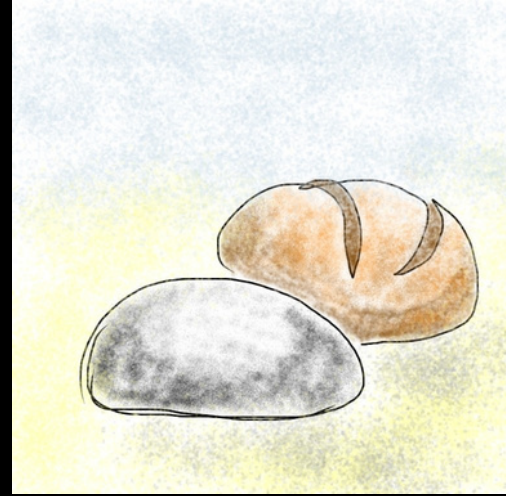
**For with the measure you use it will be
measured back to you.”**



c. Love



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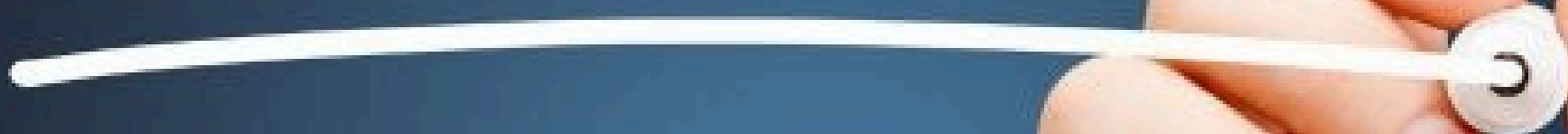


Luke 6:27 & 32

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...”

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

CONCLUSION



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**We can't follow Jesus if
we are going our own
way**

Jesus says that if anyone wants to follow Him, they must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Him. That means putting aside our own desires, being willing to face hardship for His sake, and choosing His way over our own every single day. True discipleship isn't about convenience; it's about commitment. It's not the easy path, but it's the one that leads to real life in Christ.

Lucas 9:24-26

24 Ang naghahangad na magligtas ng kanyang buhay ay mawawalan nito, ngunit ang mawalan ng kanyang buhay alang-alang sa akin ay magkakamit nito. **25** Ano nga ang mapapala ng tao, makamtan man niya ang buong daigdig kung mapapahamak naman at mawawala ang kanyang buhay?

Luke 22:42 & 44

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."