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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

GIVING GOD HIS DUE



The Key To Vital Faith

*Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.*

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**A BLESSABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS ROOTED
IN COMPLETE OBEDIENCE—THE INTEGRATION OF
WHAT WE BELIEVE WITH HOW WE BEHAVE.**

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THE RESULT OF COMPLETE OBEDIENCE IS THAT LIFE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR YEARS AND YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A MORE THAN ENOUGH SUPPLY OF GOD'S PROVISION.

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WILLING DEVOTION TO GOD MUST BE WHAT IDENTIFIES US EXTERNALLY — “*SHOW LIKE A NECKLACE*” — AND DEFINES US INTERNALLY— “*WRITE THEM IN YOUR MIND.*”

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**LIVES BUILT ON HUMAN JUDGMENT AND STRENGTH
EVENTUALLY AND ALWAYS LEAD TO DEAD-END PATHS.**

**WHEN WE RELY ON GOD, HE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY
TO CLEAR THE ROAD FOR US TO FOLLOW.**

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TO MAKE DECISION WITHOUT GOD IS TO DISRESPECT HIM AND TO FLIRT WITH EVIL.

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TITHING UNIQUELY DEMONSTRATES OUR ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S AUTHORITY AND OWNERSHIP

TITHING REVEALS OUR TRUST IN GOD'S COMPETENCE TO RULE OUR LIVES WELL AND FULFILL HIS PROMISES TO US.

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THE PRACTICE OF TITHING INITIATES THE RELEASE OF NOT ONLY GOD'S ADEQUATE, BUT HIS ABUNDANT PROVISION FOR OUR LIVES.

*“Then he will fill your barns with grain,
and your vats will overflow with good wine.”*

Proverbs 3:10 (New Living Translation)

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1. GOD'S COMMANDS ARE ALL-INCLUSIVE AND NON-NEGOTIABLE.

Our total trust and complete obedience is the only thing that connects our heart with his.

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PROVERBS 3:1-10 CLEARLY SPELLS OUT AREAS WHERE WE MUST DAILY DEMONSTRATE “TRUST AND OBEY”:

- *Fidelity to his Word (v. 1)*
- *Devotion to will (v. 3)*
- *Dependence on his guidance (vv. 5-6)*
- *Respect for his person (v. 7)*
- *Tithing of his money (v. 9)*

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2. GOD'S COMMANDS PRECEDE A PROMISE BUT RELEASE A BLESSING.

*The essence of faith is ruthless reliance upon
God's trustworthiness. The risk of faith is
obedience; the reward of faith is blessing.*

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"God has said, 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, the Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

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Trust is our greatest gift to God. Obedience is the greatest authentication of our trust.

Nothing is more precious to God than when we trust and obey.

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