

# Good Comes from Obeying

In Matthew 1:18-25 we read about Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. Something wonderful happened for us because he obeyed. Read the following paragraph (which is a paraphrase of that Biblical text), then finish the story by matching the shapes below with the completed grid, and write the words in the correct order. This is a bit tricky, because some of the words are divided and written into two boxes instead of just one.

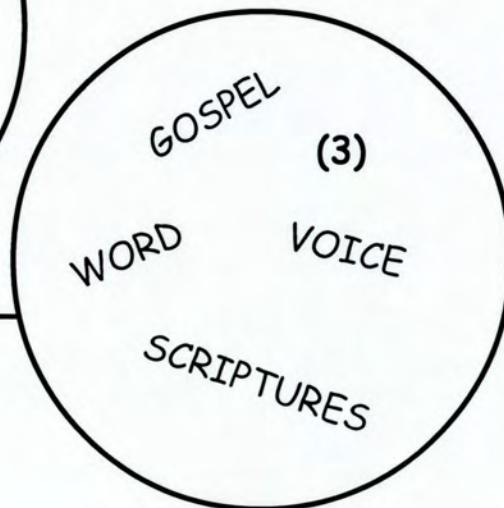
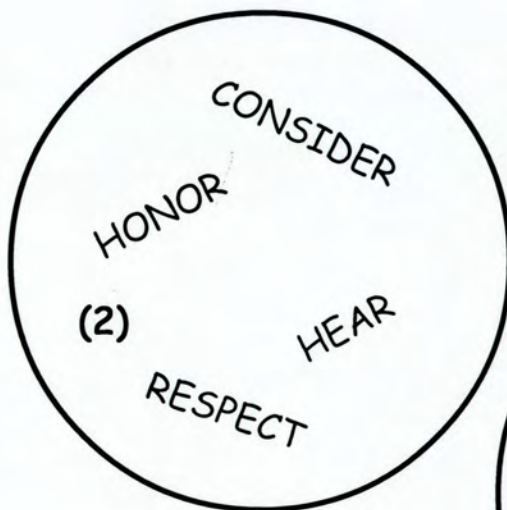
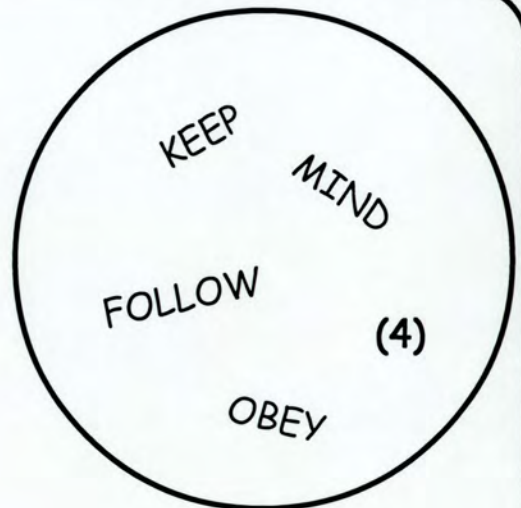
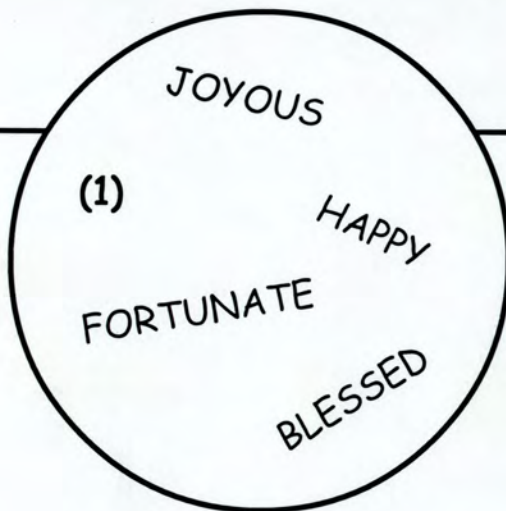
Joseph and Mary were going to be married, but before the wedding Joseph heard that Mary was already going to have a baby. He thought he shouldn't marry her, but he didn't want to embarrass her in front of everyone, so he was going to privately break their engagement. But while he thought about it, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream, and said, . . .

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# We Must Obey

The group of words in each of the circles below have the same meaning. You must choose the one from each group that is used in the key verse. Write the correct word from each circle on the same numbered line to complete the verse. Does seeing other words that mean the same help you to understand the verse better?

"(1) \_\_\_\_\_ are they that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
of God, and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ it." (Luke 11:28)



# TIME TO OBEY

Why do I have to obey? You've probably asked that question before, but do you know the answer? Obedience is commanded in God's Word. True obedience is more than just doing what we are told; it also involves an attitude of giving. If our attitude is right, we will gladly do what we are instructed to do. Let's find the answers to some more questions about obedience. Fill in the missing words of the verses below. You can look up the Scriptures given or try to complete the verses by using just the word lists next to each set of verses.

## Who should you obey?

"Obey them that have the \_\_\_\_\_ over you, and submit yourselves." — Hebrews 13:17

"Children, obey your parents in \_\_\_\_\_ things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." — Colossians 3:20

"Servants [employees], obey in all things your masters [employers] according to the flesh [your abilities]; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in \_\_\_\_\_ of heart [sincerity], fearing God." — Colossians 3:22

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to \_\_\_\_\_ magistrates [law officers], to be ready to every good work." — Titus 3:1

"Obey them [spiritual leaders] that have the rule over you, and submit \_\_\_\_\_: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." — Hebrews 13:17

(Even Jesus obeyed the commands in God's Word.) "And he [Jesus] went down with them [Joseph & Mary], and came to Nazareth, and was \_\_\_\_\_ unto them." — Luke 2:51

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## What happens if you don't obey?

"For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience many were made \_\_\_\_\_, so by the obedience of one [Jesus] shall many be made righteous." — Romans 5:19

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the \_\_\_\_\_ of God upon the children of disobedience." — Ephesians 5:6

"For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; how shall we \_\_\_\_\_, if we neglect so great salvation." — Hebrews 2:2-3

"An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent \_\_\_\_\_ him." — Proverbs 17:11

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## How should you obey God?

"Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ his testimonies, and that \_\_\_\_\_ him with the whole heart. They also do \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity: they walk in \_\_\_\_\_ ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts [laws] \_\_\_\_\_." — Psalm 119:2-4

"Give me \_\_\_\_\_, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my \_\_\_\_\_ heart." — Psalm 119:34

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# OBEDIENCE OF JOSEPH

If you, like Joseph, had an angel come to you and give you a command from God, do you think you would obey?

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If Joseph, whom the Bible says was a just man, had refused to take Mary as his wife, would God's plan have failed?

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How did Joseph benefit by obeying God?

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If God has something He wants us to do, what must we do to be ready to hear and obey Him?

- A. Have regular church attendance? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- B. Be energetic? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- C. Be a justified believer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- D. Be a Bible reader? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- E. Be a good listener? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_?

Where can we find God's words to us today?

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Name some of the things God has told us He wants us to do.

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Do you think it is OK to choose what we want from God's Word and to disregard the parts we don't want to do?

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We can be blessed as we follow God and obey His will for our lives.

