

OO (Obedience Quotient) Test

1. Is there anything I know God wants me to do that I've not yet done? For example:

- forgiving someone and being reconciled to him or her
- calling or writing to encourage a Christian brother or sister
- honoring my parents
- devoting more time to my spouse / children / family
- getting rid of some material thing that has captured my heart
- giving something to a person in need
- sharing Christ with a particular person
- showing special honor to the Lord's Day
- developing a daily habit of Bible reading and prayer
- showing hospitality to someone
- surrendering to vocational Christian service
- taking a new job
- quitting a job
- taking care of my body, eating right, exercising
- giving at least some of my income to the Lord's work

This list and those that follow are not intended to be exhaustive. If the thing God has told you to do is not on the list, write it down.

2. Am I continuing to do something I know God wants me to stop? For example:

- a recreational activity or hobby that is consuming too much time
- overspending
- arguing
- cursing, using vulgar language
- flirting
- gambling
- gossiping, slandering, having a critical spirit
- holding a grudge
- losing my temper
- lying, cheating, stealing from my employer or someone else
- acts of violence
- viewing pornography
- overeating, smoking, drinking, taking drugs, or other addictions
- adultery (emotional or physical)
- too much or the wrong kind of television / movie viewing

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3. Have I placed any limits on what I am willing to do for God? Am I reluctant to fully obey anything He's asked me to do? For instance:
- sacrifice my time in order to serve others
 - give sacrificially of my possessions and resources to further His kingdom
 - set aside time on a daily basis for Bible study and prayer
 - associate with the downcast in order to reach them with God's love
 - reduce my work hours (and/or income) in order to meet the spiritual needs of my family
 - move to a new or unfamiliar place in order to be in God's will
 - break off friendships and relationships that draw me away from Christ
 - stand alone for righteousness, even at the risk of being misunderstood or ridiculed
 - make a commitment to be an active part of a local church
 - [Husbands] love my wife more than I love myself, and provide spiritual leadership for my family
 - [Wives] respect and submit to my husband

Write down any additional limitation you may have placed on pleasing God.

4. If you knew that Jesus was going to return three days from now, would you be excited to meet Him because you have been living an obedient life?
- No. I would be ashamed to meet Christ in my present condition.
 - Yes. I have been living in such a way that I could welcome Christ with gladness.

If you answered no, what would you need to do in order to be prepared for His return?

Determine to begin obeying God immediately—in the “little” and the big things. Remember that, in reality, you may not even have three days—Christ could come at any time! In the meantime, complete, whole-hearted obedience will provide a strong foundation for your life, regardless of what storms may come, and it will prepare the way for the glory of God to be revealed in and through your life.

5. What blessings or challenges have you experienced in your pursuit of holiness?
6. What does our personal “obedience quotient” reflect about our relationship with God?
7. Read Matthew 7:24–27. How does obedience to Christ and His Word prepare us to face the inevitable storms of life?
8. Can you think of a real-life illustration of:
- Someone who built his house (life) on the sand and crumbled under pressure?
 - Someone who built his house on the rock of obedience to Christ's Word and was sustained through a major storm?
9. What blessings or consequences have you personally reaped from some act of obedience or disobedience in your life?
10. Why is it so important that we obey God completely? Why is it not enough to obey some or even most of what He says?
11. Is there a specific issue of obedience God has been convicting you about, a difficult step of obedience you know you need to take, or a particular area where you chronically find it difficult to obey God? Share your answer to that question with a person you trust. Ask them to pray for you. Be as honest as possible—remember, you can't obey God without His grace, and He gives grace to those who humble themselves!