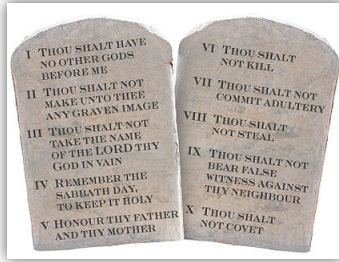


***Life Principle Day Two:  
Obey God and leave all the  
consequences to Him.***

**Today's Reading  
Romans 8:28-39**



Obedience to the commandments of God is an essential part of your journey with Jesus Christ. In Old Testament times the primary meaning of "obey" was "to listen." It is interesting that in our times, "obey" often has a negative connotation of "submitting to someone's control." In reality, both definitions for "obey" apply to following Christ...minus any negative connotations. God's love for you is always there. His plans are always good. You just have to listen to His desires, and gladly submit to His instructions.

Would you consider yourself an active listener to God's guidance in your life? The consequences of not listening are recounted in the Bible. Adam and Eve should have listened to God's instructions in the Garden. The consequences of their disobedience have spread

to all humanity. In the book of Exodus, God promised the Israelites a Land of Milk and Honey. All they had to do is walk in and take it. The consequence of their lack of faith and unwillingness to listen to God was forty years of wandering in the desert. Jonah received instructions to go to Nineveh. The consequence of his defiance against God was a three-day swim with a big fish. In each case, men and women did not listen to what God told them to do. In each case, they did not have faith enough in God's decision, to heed His instructions. In each case, they felt the consequences.

Meanwhile, when you choose to obey, you can know that the consequences are a demonstration of God's loving care as He works things together for good...so that you might be formed into the image of Christ. You must actively seek and live His instructions while in prayer and the reading of His living Word each day. In all you do, He is lovingly working with you to bring ultimate good.

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