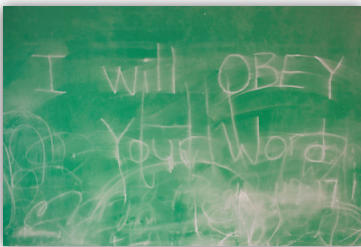


***Life Principle Day Twenty-One:
Obedience always brings
blessings.***

**Today's Reading
Luke 8:19-21**

We continue our journey today as we look at the life principle "Obedience always brings blessings." With our short reading from Luke, we are encouraged to know that it is possible to be part of the very family of Christ...and that it isn't a result of our human lineage. If you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are part of the family of God (Jn. 1:12). But Jesus elaborates on the characteristics of true family members by saying; "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." God's family members are marked by obedience and experience blessing in life.



Among the blessings of obedience to God is the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It is important to understand that obedience is your action which leads to a reaction from God...

blessing. When you choose disobedience, you are walking away from Him and His blessings. God doesn't want you to read His word and then turn around and not practice what He says. But if you are listening to His direction, the result is blessing in your life.

Years ago, God directed me toward a concrete step of obedience in financial stewardship. After following God's direction, He brought back to me twelve-fold what I tithed. God is an awesome God who will give us awesome blessings if we obey and listen to Him. Below is an additional link to a clip of my blessing that occurred simply because I listened and obeyed.

The Twelve-Fold Gift: <http://www.cbn.com/media/player/index.aspx?s=/vod/PP326v5>

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