

## OBEDIENCE

Obedience stands above all other attitudes. It is the attitude that makes all other virtues possible. A church and its people should work on having the correct attitude. It has been noted that, most churches concern themselves on how the people give, how many they have on Sunday morning and Sunday night. Also, let us not forget about Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer. Read your Bible and pray at least one hour per day; this is what we all have heard, or something to this affect.

However, this must not be the number one focus of ministry. These things within themselves are not bad. But when ministry is centered around such things we create a ministry that is legalistic. And legalist do good things with bad attitudes. They pray, sing, tithe, and read their Bible, all with a bad attitude. And this is not acceptable with God.

Ministry must be concerned deeply with the spiritual attitude of all its members. If we do not generate proper spiritual attitudes among our fellow worshipers, we only have a ministry that is legalistic.

The goal of ministry should be to build an obedient people. That is what God intended to do both in the Old and New Testament. When God speaks, we are to obey.

Scripture: King James Version: I Samuel 15:22-24; Luke 6:46; 11:28; Romans 16:19; I Peter 1:13-16.

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