

A close-up photograph of a brown leather basketball with black lines, resting on a light-colored wooden basketball court floor. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the ball and the grain of the wood. The background is dark, making the ball and floor stand out.

Obedience

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

Titus 2:11-12

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Titus 2:13-14

¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

1 John 5:1-2

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1 John 5:3-4

³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1 John 5:5

⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Romans 16:25

25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

Romans 16:26-27

²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

John 14:15

15“If you love me, you will keep my
commandments.

John 14:16-17

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:18-20

18“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19**Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20**In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

John 14:21

21Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

John 14:22

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”

John 14:23

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:24

24Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.”

Romans 13:9-10

⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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- 1. Obedience doesn't earn God's favor.**
- 2. Grace comes first and it teaches us obedience.**

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3. Love leads to obedience!

- a) If we love God we obey God!**
- b) If we love and obey God, we love the children of God. So we obey God!**
- c) Obedience is love!**

4. Obedience is really a heart issue!

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5. Faith in Jesus Christ leads to obedience

- It makes us overcomers of the world!

6. Obedience is always what's best for us!

Personal Application

The image features a light-colored wood floor with a vertical grain pattern. A thick black horizontal line runs across the bottom of the frame. A second thick black line starts from the left edge, curves upwards in a shallow arc, and then curves downwards towards the right edge, ending at the bottom edge of the frame.

