

Living a Life Submitted to the Lord

When the devil got Adam to eat the forbidden fruit, the whole human race was born with a nature to rebel against God and the ones He puts in authority- like parents, the police, etc. When Christians are born again, they receive a new nature called a re-born spirit. We, as Christians, can grow into being God's obedient children just like Jesus did while He was on the earth. The more we live an obedient life, the more we will be free from satan's control. Jesus ruled the devil; He was never ruled by the devil, because He always did what the Father told Him to do. Jesus is our example. In the following verses I want to show you how to grow in obedience.

James 4:7-10 KJV Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. [9] Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. [10] Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

Our soul, which is our mind, will, and emotions, has been trained from birth to be rebellious because of Adam sinning in the garden. But now, as a Christian, you must let your new Christ-like nature be in charge. At first this will be hard, and your soul will suffer, because your mind, will, and emotions will try to rise up against this new Christ-like nature. When you determine that you are going to live a life submitted to the Lord, you must realize that you will have a fight; not only with your own mind, but with demons and devils that have been assigned to your life to fight against your soul to destroy you. Therefore, you must expect to have some soul suffering. However, after this is over, you will have so much joy and freedom that you never thought you could have. Now we can learn how to live this life by watching Jesus live it. These next verses show that Jesus had to suffer to rule His own soul.

Hebrews 2:9-10, 5:5-9 KJV But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. [10] For it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. **5:5-9** So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten Thee. [6] As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. [7] Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; [8] Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; [9] And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;

Luke 22:40-44 KJV And when He was at the place, He said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. [41] And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, [42] Saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done. [43] And there appeared an angel unto Him from Heaven, strengthening Him. [44] And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Jesus never disobeyed His Father, but He did have to suffer in His soul; and it even went into His body as He sweat great drops of blood in order to make His will obey His Father. Jesus paid for all of our sins through that suffering so that we can go to Heaven when we die. Now if we are going to rule the devil on this earth, we must learn obedience. This will take time, and we must expect to suffer in our soul. One of the ways to make the devil obey us is by fasting and prayer, and we know there is soul suffering when we deny our bodies the right to eat.

When Jesus was being tempted in by the devil, He defeated him with three major spiritual weapons:

- 1 Prayer
- 2 Fasting
- 3 Speaking the word of God.

Today I hope I've shown you that you can learn to live a submitted life to the Lord and rule the devil by doing so.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

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This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Genesis chapter 40
Tuesday	Genesis chapter 41
Wednesday	Genesis chapter 42
Thursday	Genesis chapter 43
Friday	Genesis chapter 44
Saturday	Genesis chapter 45
Sunday	Genesis chapter 46

*Upcoming Events

1. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** 10-11am Mon-Fri in the Gym
2. **Mobile Prayer:** Wednesday 2-3:30pm in our South parking lot; Friday 2-3:30pm Sam's Warehouse
3. **Noonday Bible Study:** In Sanctuary; live on KJRF 91.1fm; live stream on TCC app.12:15 Mon-Fri
4. **College & Career Brownbag:** Next Sunday, August 1; hot dog, chips, & drink \$5
5. **24/7 Prayer For Schools:** Next Friday 7am - Saturday 7am. Ushers have sign-up forms

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**Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

Sundays * Prayer: 9am Lee Blvd entrance * Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. *
Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley
Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul
Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins
Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon
Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrice Williams
Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham
Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade
Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore
Young Singles/College & Career —Eliav/Kim Nash

Daily. * Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am
* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on
TCC app
* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

Weekly * Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45am Main Service
* Wednesday night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)
* Mobile Prayer: Wed 2-3:30pm Lee Blvd parking lot; Fri 2-3:30pm Sam's
Warehouse

Monthly * Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral
* Crosses at the Corner: 11am-1am Saturdays corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.
* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month in Fellowship Hall
* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday of each month 5pm in Sanctuary

* Horse Ministry: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month