



# PRAYING WITH PURPOSE MINISTRIES

## The Principle of Obedience

### Obedience

The Principle of Obedience is the sixth of the Seven Spiritual Principles, which is God's plan to reward our lives. Isaiah 1:19 says:

*"If you are willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land."*

Solomon enjoyed the good of the land. We see this in the beginning of 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles. Therefore, we will discuss the first nine chapters of 1 Kings and first eight chapters of 2 Chronicles which covers Solomon's inauguration and his fame; and the glory he brought to Israel. Israel was at peace and prospered during Solomon's reign. We will also cover the Book of Proverbs, which Solomon is the major author, and the Song of Solomon. We will use Solomon as our biblical character to talk about the **Principle of Obedience** because during the beginning of Solomon's reign, he was obedient to Yahweh. So, God said to Solomon in I Kings 3:5 and 2 Chronicles 1:7, *'Ask what I shall give you.'* God bestowed upon Solomon, not only wisdom to rule the people of Israel, but riches, honor, and fame.

**The Principle of Obedience is a righteousness-building principle**—the position one holds with God in relationship to his/her obedience. In essence, obedience puts one in right standing with God—gives rights and privileges.

Solomon started off following the paradigm/pattern of the **Principle of Obedience**. He was in right standing with God; therefore, God rewarded him above any king. He was and still is known as the wisest human being ever on earth, with the exception of Jesus Christ. Therefore, he lived in the blessed state. He was truly under the continuous flow with God and all his needs were met.

### I. Introduction

- A. God's plan to reward our lives (Genesis 8:1–5)
- B. Principle works by faith (Hebrews 11:6)
- C. Cannot be fully comprehended by the natural mind (I Corinthians 2:14)
- D. Principle's benefits are spiritually discerned (I Corinthians 3:9–13)
- E. The Holy Spirit — organizer, enabler, director (John 14:26, 15:26, 6:11–14)

### II. Paradigm (Pattern): A righteousness-building principle

Disposition of righteousness—position one holds with God in relationship to his/her obedience.

Obedience puts one in right standing with God—gives rights and privileges.

**III. Plan/Objective: To live in the blessed state** (1 Kings 3:3–14; 2 Chronicles 1:2–13; Proverbs; Philippians 4:11–19)

**To be under the continuous flow with God so our needs will be met.**

- A. Change attitude by changing desire (Psalm 37:4)
- B. Obey the Voice and Word of the Lord
- C. Don't fear people
- D. Obey completely
- E. Don't mourn over that which God has rejected
- F. Fear God and keep His commandments (Proverbs 1:5–7; 3:5–6)

**IV. Purpose/Goal: To put our faith into action** (James 2:17–26; Proverbs 1–9)

- A. Faith has to develop
- B. Faith is staying focus (Proverbs 4:23–27)
- C. Receive the reward of Obedience (Proverbs 8: 32–36)

**When one obeys God's Word, the covenant promises of God are activated NOW in this lifetime.**

**V. Practical Application** (Proverbs 8:32–36)

- A. Humble yourself
- B. Harken to the Voice of Wisdom
- C. Hate evil