

# **All In**

## **Through Obedience to God**

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*"God is God. Because he is God, He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to."*

- Elisabeth Elliot

### **Obedience to God Reveals If We Are All In!**

"But Samuel replied: 'Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice...'"

**1 Samuel 15:22 NIV**

*"To obey is better than sacrifice  
I want hearts of fire  
Not your prayers of ice  
And I'm coming quickly  
To give back to you  
According to what you have done"*  
- Keith Green

"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the one who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence. And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." **2 Peter 1:3-8**

### **Halfway Obedience Is Not Obedience at All**

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”  
**James 1:22 NIV**

- Cain
- Lots Wife
- Achan
- Jonah
- Jehoshaphat
- Hezekiah
- Disciples who deserted Jesus
- Judas
- Rich young ruler
- Ananias and Sapphira
- Agrippa

“Then Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time [and with so little effort] you [almost] persuade me to become a Christian.” And Paul replied, “Whether in a short time or long, I wish to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become such as I am, except for these chains.” **Acts 26:28-29 AMP**

- Church of Ephesus

“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.” **Revelation 2:4-5 NLT**

## **The Blessings of Obedience**

“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God.” **Deuteronomy 28:1-2 NLT**

“Observe the requirements of the Lord your God, and follow all His ways. Keep the decrees, commands, regulations, and laws written in the Law of Moses so that you will be successful in all you do and wherever you go.” **1 Kings 2:3 NLT**

“Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves Me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them.’”  
**John 14:23 NIV**

“Jesus replied, ‘All who love Me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and We will come and make Our home with each of them.’” **John 14:23 NLT**

“Jesus replied, ‘But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.’” **Luke 11:28 NLT**

“Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, *which is* your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]. **Romans 12:1-2 Amp**

*“Spiritual Maturity is not reached by the passing of years,  
but by Obedience to the Will of God.”*

- Oswald Chambers