

3.7 Obey the Leader

Bible Verse: Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. - Hebrews 13:17

Proclaim: *God place leaders over us so that we may submit to them.*

Truth: To obey the leaders that God places over us is to obey the Lord Jesus.
When we resist the leaders, we are resisting the Lord our God.

Main Lesson Points:

- **Five "I must" of submission**
- **Obedience is a command of God**
- 1 Pet 2:13, 5:5, Col 3:20
- **God appoints and uses leaders**
- Eze 34:23-24, Luk 10:16
- **Man is not submissive by nature** - Isa 53:6

Interesting Questions:

(Choose 1 or more to discuss)

- **Why is it hard for people to be obedient?**
- **Why is it important for the followers to obey the authority?**
- **What people should we obey according to Colossians 3:20, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 2:13 and Ephesians 6:5-8?**

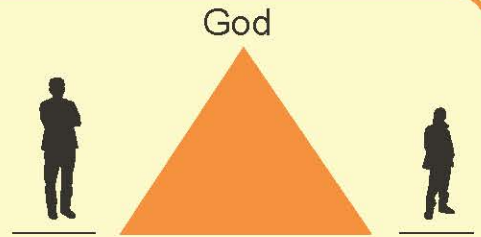
Scripture:
Colossians 3: 17-24

Saying "Yes":

Imagine a door with locks that require 5 keys to unlock. Similarly, there are 5 aspects of obedience - 1) *Quickly* 2) *Cheerfully* 3) *Completely* 4) *Ungrudgingly* 5) *Walk the extra mile.*

When we say "yes" to those God has put above us to help lead and teach us, we are saying "yes" to Him. We must have the attitude of - 1) *do quickly* 2) *do cheerfully* 3) *do finish* 4) *do quietly* 5) *do extras needed.* Think about someone above you.

How could God be using this leader to help you? Write about it inside the triangle.



Think:

Who do you find it difficult to obey?
What can you do to make it easier to submit to their leadership?

Pray:

Use the space below to write a prayer asking God for bravery as you choose to follow and obey Him:

Act: It takes bravery and courage to make the right choice. The next time you're able to resist temptation, thank God for the courage and strength to do so.

