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**"Growing Closer to God" - John 14:15-26**

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*Our ability to weather the storms of life is directly connected to the depth of understanding of and relationship with God.  
To grow in those areas, we must be purposefully about heartfelt obedience out of our love for him.*

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**Key Question for Believers to Ask...**

See Eph 1:15-19; Phil 1:9-11; Col 1:9-12; 2 Pt 3:17-18; Phil 3:10-11

**1) Obedience, \_\_\_\_\_, Shows We Love God**

See Jas 1:22; 2:14; Titus 2:11-12

Obedience without love...

Love without obedience...

**2) Obedience Requires We \_\_\_\_\_ the Commands & Commander**

**HAS** –

See Deut 6 (phylacteries); Mt 23:5

Importance of “has”...

**Reading...**

**Studying...**

**Meditating...**

**Memorizing...**

**3) Obedience Means We \_\_\_\_\_**

See Rom 1; Ps 139:23-24; Rom 7

Authority of the Word...

Selective Obedience...

Perfection vs. Pathway...

***How to maintain a general trajectory of growth relationally & in obedience...***

\_\_\_\_\_ to the LOVE of God

See 1 Jn 4:19

\_\_\_\_\_ on the HOLY SPIRIT

See Gal 5:22-23; Phil 2:12-13; Jn 14:26; Eph 5:18

\_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST'S Example

See Jn 13:15, 34-35; 15:12; Eph 5:1-2; Heb 12:2

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See Heb 10:24; Titus 2; Prov 27:17

**4) Obedience Brings \_\_\_\_\_, Not Drudgery**