

Main Point: _____ requires us to lay down our preferences and take up God's will.

- **Webster's definition:** *Compliance with an order, request, or law, or submission to authority.*
- **Biblical definition:** *A willing, faithful response to God's voice that results in action aligned with His will.*

Point #1: Obedience cultivates _____.



Point #2: Obedience cultivates _____.

¹⁴...The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

– Acts 16:14b-15

⁶"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" - Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

³ Loving God means obeying his commands. And God's commands are not too hard for us... - 1 John 5:3a ESV

Point 3: Obedience can cause _____ and cultivate _____

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.

- Acts 16:22-23

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

- Acts 16:25

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

- Acts 16:29-32

³⁷ But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out." ³⁸ The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. ³⁹ They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city.

- Acts 16:37-39

3 Ways We Can Walk in Obedience to the Lord:

1. _____ to God's Word (James 1:22)

2. _____ control (Proverbs 3:5-6)

3. _____ obedience (Acts 5:29)

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