



**C. S. Johnson shares this family lesson:**

*"My son, Michael, was four years old the night I found him sobbing uncontrollably in the hallway. Concerned, I knelt next to him and drew him close." "What's the matter, sweetheart? Are you hurt?" He shook his head and turned to me, but I was unprepared for his response." "Daddy said a bad word to me!" he sobbed. I almost laughed out loud. I had known my husband 12 years and had rarely heard him raise his voice. But Michael had heard him say something, and I was curious enough to want to know what it was." "Honey, what bad word did Daddy say?" And seeing a chance for sympathy, my sensitive four-year-old stopped crying and blurted out-- '**Obey!**' "I never think of that incident now without asking my Heavenly Father to keep me from believing, as my son did, that '**obey**' is a bad word."*

**Sometimes I think we are just like this crying little four-year-old when it comes to obedience!** We look at it as some tedious chore given to us by God to ruin our day instead of looking at it as one of the avenues by which God wants to bless us. God doesn't tell us to do anything to keep us from having fun but rather to keep us in the proper place to be able to receive from Him! That's what's obedience is all about it keeps us in line for the blessings of God over our lives.

In Isaiah 1:19 we read something very interesting and challenging: **'19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.'** Here we see God's perfect will for every believer, **'TO EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND!'** This belongs to us as Abraham's heirs in Christ Jesus spoken of in Galatians 3:29: **'29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.'** However in order for this blessing to take affect in our lives we must qualify in both points; we must be willing & obedient!

The easier of the two for most is to be obedient but when it comes to being willing, there is where the challenge begins! We must not only connect on the obedient part but we must also connect on the willing part, having a heart that wants to do what God says. Until we connect on both parts we will not partake of the fullness of this promise from God.

If you are not experiencing the best that God has to offer for you check yourself to make sure you are not just obeying God but also you have a willing heart that wants to do, obey and follow His perfect plan and will for your life!

**I pray you have been uplifted from this short exhortation**, my hearts desire is that all my partners walk in and live continually only in God's best that He has promised us in His Word!

**Here are some things you can keep in your prayers for the ministry:**

- 1. Boldness and more open doors to minister the Word freely**
- 2. Pastors for our satellite churches**
- 3. Buildings for all our satellite churches**
- 4. 7 new churches partnering with us**
- 5. 200 new ministry partners**
- 6. Portable sound system to use when traveling**
- 7. SUV vehicle**

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