

OBEDIENCE vs Willfulness

Doing my duty with a good attitude

I can choose to:

- Follow instructions quickly.
- Complete what I am expected to do.
- Have a cheerful attitude.
- Go the “extra mile.”
- Not obey a wrong command.



Obedience in the home includes:

- * Creating realistic guidelines of good character for the family to follow.
- * Children understanding the purpose of family guidelines and the consequences of disobedience.
- * Parents being examples to their children by honouring their own parents.

Benefits of Obedience:

PEACE and FREEDOM – cooperating with one another in order to have a safe and orderly home and community, brings peace and freedom with neighbors that respect one another and obey the law.

TEAMWORK – clarifying your duty and doing it to the best of your ability brings cooperation and builds teamwork.

BLESSING – When children obey their parents, God promises they will be blessed with a long life. Ephesians 6:1-3

Personal Evaluation

How obedient are you?

Do you stop what you are doing when you are given an instruction?

Do you smile when you are told to do something?

Do you ever give reasons why you cannot do a job?

Have you ever had to be reminded to do little tasks?

Does obedience mean you should follow someone blindly?



The kelpie sheepdog has been a longstanding best friend of sheep farmers right across Australia for the last century. Energetic, loyal and intelligent, when trained well by their masters, kelpies can respond quickly and effectively to instructions, when herding sheep. The obedient kelpie is a wonderful asset to the hard-working days of the farmer.

Obedience to a command that violates conscience is disobedience.