

# WORD OF THE DAY



## WORD OF THE DAY ( [John 14:15](#) )

*"If you love me, keep my commands."*

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### Obedience: **The evidence of Loving God**



**Jesus loved His disciples.** The ministry of Jesus was a ministry of love, a ministry of service, and a ministry that would come to a peak on the cross at Calvary. The disciples had witnessed first hand the love of Jesus as He saved them from the raging storm, fed the 5,000 with bread and fish, and saved them from being arrested by allowing Himself alone to be arrested by the Roman soldiers. Now, as Jesus was preparing to go to the cross, He sat with His disciples and reviewed some of those things He felt were important for them to be reminded of. One of the topics examined during their time together was the topic of love.

**"By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another!"** This would be told to the disciples by Jesus in chapter 15 of John as Jesus would later focus on the importance of loving each other. However, in chapter 14, Jesus would first start by focusing on loving God. John Chapter 14 begins with Jesus telling the disciples that He would be leaving them and later reveals to Phillip and the disciples that He [Jesus] was the way, the truth, and the life -- meaning that Jesus was the only point of entry to God. Then there is a transition, and in John chapter 14 verse 15, Jesus tells the disciples that if they loved Him, they would keep His commandments. This statement of Jesus serves in parallel to Luke chapter 6 verse 46, which makes the same point but presents it as a question. In Luke 6:46, Jesus asked, "Why do you call me Master and do not what I say?" And yet another parallel can be found in John chapter 10 verse 27 in which Jesus describes his sheep by saying "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow [obedience] me!"

**Our obedience to Jesus is the evidence of our love for God.** Just as Jesus shared that the path to God is through Him, this passage reminds us that many claim to love God, yet they do not love Jesus. Furthermore, many claim to love Jesus but do not obey His commandments; these commandments are the evidence of our love for Christ. Let us love God through our love for Jesus, and let us love Jesus through obedience to Him.

*Your brother in Christ, WNL*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*If you love Jesus obey Him.*

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, we live in a world in which independence and freedom are prized values. Everyone it seems wants to do their own thing and chart their own path. Yet you instruct us to love you through submitting and obeying you. Please help me to obey you so that I may truly see the evidence of my love for you. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

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