

# **Obedience**

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## I. Introduction.

A. 2 Timothy 2:1-2.

B. Title: Single-mindedness.

## II. How to be single-minded.

A. We cannot serve two masters - we must remove distractions in order to zero in on a job. (Matthew 6:24)

B. You have to have priorities. The greatest thing is to sit at Jesus feet - to love God and then to love people. (Philippians 3:13, Luke 10:42, Matthew 22:37-38)

C. Wait.

1. Wait on the Lord.
2. We no longer want to wait in our culture.
3. We are to rest and not quit. (Isaiah 15:30)

D. Have self-control.

1. We need discipline and restraint. (1 Peter 4:1)
2. Sin requires time, money and health.
3. We are accountable for our actions - we can cut off evil. (2 Peter 1:6, 1 Corinthians 15:12)

E. Endure hardness. (James 1:1-2, Luke 21:34)

F. Go by the rules. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

1. This is being wise with finances.
2. The greatest temptation is not outward things.

G. Work hard. (Colossians 3:23-24)

H. Obedience gives revelation. (Hebrews 5:8, Proverbs 9:10, 1 Peter 4:12)

I. Humble yourself. (1 Peter 2:24)

J. Study.

- K. Avoid foolish discussions.
- L. Work hard to be a better vessel.
- M. Flee youthful lust.
- N. Serve.
- O. Be gentle.

III. The process of God's training is what glorifies God.

- A. God's end is to enable us to see that we can walk in the chaos of life right now.
- B. Obedience is the end, and realizing this helps us to see that each moment that comes is precious.

**Application questions**

1. In light of the message, how would you succinctly tell someone how they can be single-minded?

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2. Which characteristic of single-mindedness stands out to you? Explain.

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3. Memorize Philippians 3:13 and write it below. How does this verse help a person in being obedient?

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