

SEEING AND LIVING IN THE REALM OF THE MIRACULOUS 2

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† Let us take a look at a profound Bible verse in different translations:

John 10:10 [NKJV] *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

John 10:10 [NLT] *"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."*

John 10:10 [AMP] *"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."*

John 10:10 [Kenneth S. Wuest] *"I alone came in order that they might be possessing life, and that they might be possessing it in superabundance."*

John 10:10 [Message] *"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."*

John 10:10 [CJB] *"I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure."*

† **Question:** *"Is this the life you are living?"*

I am persuaded that it is only possible if one obediently surrenders to Kingdom-of-God-rule and its lifestyle principles.

[A **principle** is simply the basic way in which something works.] The power of **obedience** to Christ is able to transform your life from that moment of total surrender.

John 5:30 [AMP] *"I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord – but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because **I do not seek or consult My own will** [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but **only the will and pleasure of the Father** Who sent Me."*

THE MEASURE OF OBEDIENCE (From my book "**Living the Red- Letter Life**", p 130)

The power of Jesus' success and ministry lay in the choices He made [*John 5:30*] and the measure of obedience in which He operated. That is why I entitled this chapter the 'Power of Obedience'. Let us take a Red-Letter walk through these steps of obedience that Jesus lived by, and see how we can apply them to our own personal lives if we want the success Jesus had in walking with the Father.

1. **John 5:30** [AMP] *"I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord]."*

Jesus never made an independent decision without the Father being involved. Think of how many times we just make decisions independently without asking the Father if it is His will or not.

2. *"But only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders."*

Jesus operated under instruction and guidance from the Father every step and moment of His ministry. Have you ever thought of your life under the Father's guidance, waiting on Him to give you the orders, knowing that only in Him there can be true and lasting peace and success?

3. *"Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide as the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision]."*

Jesus was in constant communication (moment-by-moment) with the Father. Jesus trained His spirit to hear the voice of His Father, whether it was His physical voice or the voice of His Spirit. I personally have experienced both these dimensions of hearing from God in my walk with the Lord. Jesus is giving us an example of His life with the Father and teaching us that we can also hear from the Father.

4. *"My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will."*

Jesus knew that every judgment and decision He made was in the perfect will of God. When we are in the will of God and we are led by the Holy Spirit in our decision-making process, we will not make wrong decisions.

5. "I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me."

This is the final phase of obedience that leads to total surrender – when my desire is no longer to please myself or fulfil my needs and lusts, but to follow the will of God. I believe that it is at this point that absolute victory and life in the Spirit begin.

As we start yielding to the will of the Father, everything around us will fall into place. We will start walking in the peace and the joy of the Father, irrespective of distractions or negative situations around us. What a joy – what an indescribable situation we will find ourselves in.

† Transformation in our lives and circumstances will only come about when we obediently and strictly act according to the principles of the Kingdom of God.

† For faith to operate, we must change the way we speak and live [Rom 4]. It will be evident in our conduct. By practicing the Kingdom principles, we can expect Kingdom results to manifest in all we do. The Kingdom lifestyle is radically different from the lifestyle that the world has conditioned us to live. And the Kingdom lifestyle is the **only lifestyle** that will please the Father.

† Jesus taught us a new way of giving and handling of worldly wealth. He taught us that we are stewards of God's wealth. We have to learn to operate in His financial principles if we are going to succeed financially.

† The power of obedience is the power of transformation. There is no other way of experiencing lasting blessedness except by pursuing and doing the principles of the Kingdom. There are no alternatives.

† The "**Red-Letter Life**" is the key to the abundant life.

† **The practice of a principle revealed in the Word of God releases faith and confidence.**

† **Faith is an action** and therefore believers must act with determination, persistence and endurance.

Mark 5:25-34 [NKJV] Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." ²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" ³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ³² And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. ³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

† Another striking miracle took place in the Bible:

Luke 5:17-26 [NKJV] Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. ¹⁸ Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralysed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. ¹⁹ And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?" ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins," – He said to the man who was paralysed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ²⁵ Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Obedience releases blessing, provision and the protection of God.

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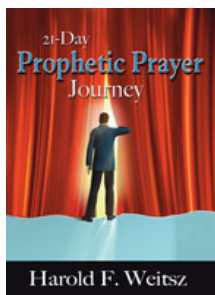
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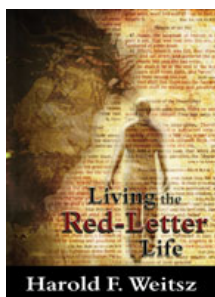
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