
Transformational Change: The Necessity of Spiritual Obedience

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Everyone Has Problems
Not Everyone Has Answers

“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead,
be filled with the Holy Spirit” *Ephesians 5:18, NLT*

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” *2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV*

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” *Galatians 5:16, ESV*

Be Passionate for Spiritual Obedience

Spiritual Power and Spiritual Obedience
Walk Hand in Hand

“For the grace of God has appeared... training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,” *Titus 2:11–12, ESV*

What Is a Believer Supposed to Reject?

“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.” *1 John 2:15–17, NLT*

Love for the World Pushes Away My Love for the Father

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” *Matthew 6:24, NLT*

How Do I Identify Possible Worldly Passions?

The More I Love the World the Less
Spirit Power I Have in My Life

If I Am Loving God with All My Heart,
I Live Ready to Repent

If My Heart Belongs to Jesus, The Spirit Will
Point Out What I Need to Deal With

I Need to Develop the Spiritual Disciplines of
Confession & Repentance

What Am I To Accept and Take Up?

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” *John 14:15, ESV*

“And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments.” *2 John 6, ESV*

I Need to Develop My Relationship with Jesus