

# OBEEDIENCE

<p>1</p> <p><b>By obedience a man offers to God his will.</b></p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>The first degree of humility is obedience without delay.</i></p> <p><i>St. Benedict</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>OBEEDIENCE IS NOT SERVITUDE OF MAN TO MAN, BUT SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD, WHO GOVERNS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF MEN.</p> <p><i>Pope Leo XIII</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>...promptness, exactness, cheerfulness and simplicity. These are the four degrees of perfect obedience.</p> <p><i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Blessed are the obedient, for God will never suffer them to go astray.</p> <p><i>St. Francis de Sales</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>There are no two good ways of serving God. There is only one: serve him as he desires to be served.</p> <p><i>St. John Vianney</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>BY OBEEDIENCE KNOWLEDGE IS INCREASED.</p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>The devil does not fear austerity but holy obedience.</b></p> <p><i>St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p>9</p> <p>The best thing for creatures is to fulfill God's will, and this is best done by the practice of obedience, which effects the annihilation of self-will and the freedom of the children of God. This is the reason good souls find such happiness and satisfaction in obedience.</p> <p><i>St. Vincent de Paul</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>St. Bede explains our Lord's answer to the woman in the gospel who exclaimed: "Blessed is the womb that bore thee," "Rather blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11:28).</i></p> <p>He says that Mary was very blessed by being the Mother of God, but was even more blessed by always loving and obeying his divine will.</p> <p><i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Entire conformity and resignation to the divine will is truly a road on which we cannot go wrong, and it is the only road that leads us to taste and enjoy the peace which sensual and earthly men know nothing of.</p> <p><i>St. Philip Neri</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Where there is no obedience, there is no virtue; where there is no virtue, there is no goodness, no love; and where there is no love, there is no God: without God we do not go to Paradise.</i></p> <p><i>St. Pio</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>For those who have become lazy in fulfilling the commandments and desire to banish murky obscurity, there is no better or more efficient cure than complete obedience in everything, with faith and without argument.</p> <p><i>St. Gregory of Sinai</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Obedience is preferred to all sacrifices, according to I Samuel 15:22: "Obedience is better than sacrifices."</p> <p>Therefore it was fitting that the sacrifice of Christ's Passion and death should proceed from obedience.</p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>The Enemy: "Will you obey, even in this ridiculous little detail?" You with God's grace: "I will obey, even in this heroic little detail."</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>We do not bargain when we love. Jesus teaches me not to refuse Him anything and to be pleased when He gives me an opportunity for proving to Him that I love Him. I do this peacefully, with complete abandonment.</p> <p><i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i></p>

<p>17</p> <p>Obedience is a whole burnt-offering in which the entire man, without the slightest reserve, is offered in the fire of charity to his Creator and Lord by the hands of His ministers. Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly.</p> <p><i>St. Ignatius Loyola</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Obey without so much useless brooding. Appearing sad or reluctant when asked to do something is a very considerable fault. But just to feel like this is not only no fault, but can in fact be the opportunity for a great victory, for crowning an act of heroic virtue. I have not invented this. Remember the gospel tells us that a father asked his two sons to do the same job. And Jesus rejoices in the one who, despite raising difficulties, does it! He rejoices because discipline is the fruit of love.</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.</b></p> <p><i>Matthew 1:24</i></p> <p><b>St. Joseph, Pray for Us</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>St. Augustine says that after Adam had by his disobedience entailed misery on himself and the whole human race, the Son of God became man, principally to teach obedience by his own example. Jesus from his infancy began to obey Mary and Joseph. He continued to obey them during His life; and by his obedience was in the end brought to the ignominious death on the cross. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death – even to the death of the cross.</p> <p><i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>If you are ordered to eat meat, be extremely careful not to make the slightest resistance to obedience, for you will render more honor to God by eating flesh meat through obedience than by fasting on bread and water of your own volition.</p> <p><i>St. John Eudes</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>The virtue of obedience makes the will supple. It gives the power to conquer self, to overcome laziness, and to resist temptations. It inspires the courage with which to fulfill the most difficult tasks.</b></p> <p><i>St. John Vianney</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>In other sacrifices the flesh of another is slain, but in obedience our own will is sacrificed.</p> <p><i>Pope Gregory the Great</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strengths lie.</b></p> <p><i>Mother Theresa</i></p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>...those who command things evil are not to be obeyed, especially when in yielding to wrong commands, in which you appear to obey man, you show yourself plainly disobedient to God, who has forbidden everything that is evil.</b></p> <p><i>St. Bernard</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Obedience is a little dog that leads the blind.</b></p> <p><i>St. Joseph of Cupertino</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>God does not need our deeds but our obedience.</b></p> <p><i>St. John Chrysostom</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>When God puts inspirations into a heart, the first he gives is obedience.</i></p> <p><i>St. Francis de Sales</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>SERVE GOD. HE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE RESULTS.</b></p> <p><i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>They who obey are conquerors, because they submit their will to others, they triumph over the angels who sinned by disobedience.</b></p> <p><i>St. Gregory</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>You've been told to do something that seems difficult and useless. Do it. And you'll see that it's easy and fruitful.</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria</i></p>	<p><b>Holy Mary, Virgin Most Faithful, Pray For Us</b></p>