

Scripture
Reading
1 Samuel
15:22-23

22 So Samuel said:

**“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings
and sacrifices,**

As in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,

And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,

He also has rejected you from being king.”

Obedience is Better Than Sacrifice

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The Story:
Saul and the
Amalekites
(1 Samuel 15:1–21)

My actions are a
“sacrifice to the
Lord.”

Deuteronomy
5:32–33

James 2:10-12



The Foundation: God Values Obedience Over Religious Activity

“To obey is better than sacrifice...”

Isaiah 1:11–20

Matthew 15:8–9



The Root Issue: Rebellion and Pride

...it is a heart issue

Proverbs 16:17-19
James 4:6-10



The Pattern:
True Faith
Produces
Obedience

They are inseparable.

John 14:15

James 1:22-25

Hebrews 11:8-10



The Warning: Disobedience Has Consequences

Sin's consequences
are not erased by
forgiveness.

Galatians 6:7–10

Hebrews 12:5-11



The Call: Obedience From the Heart

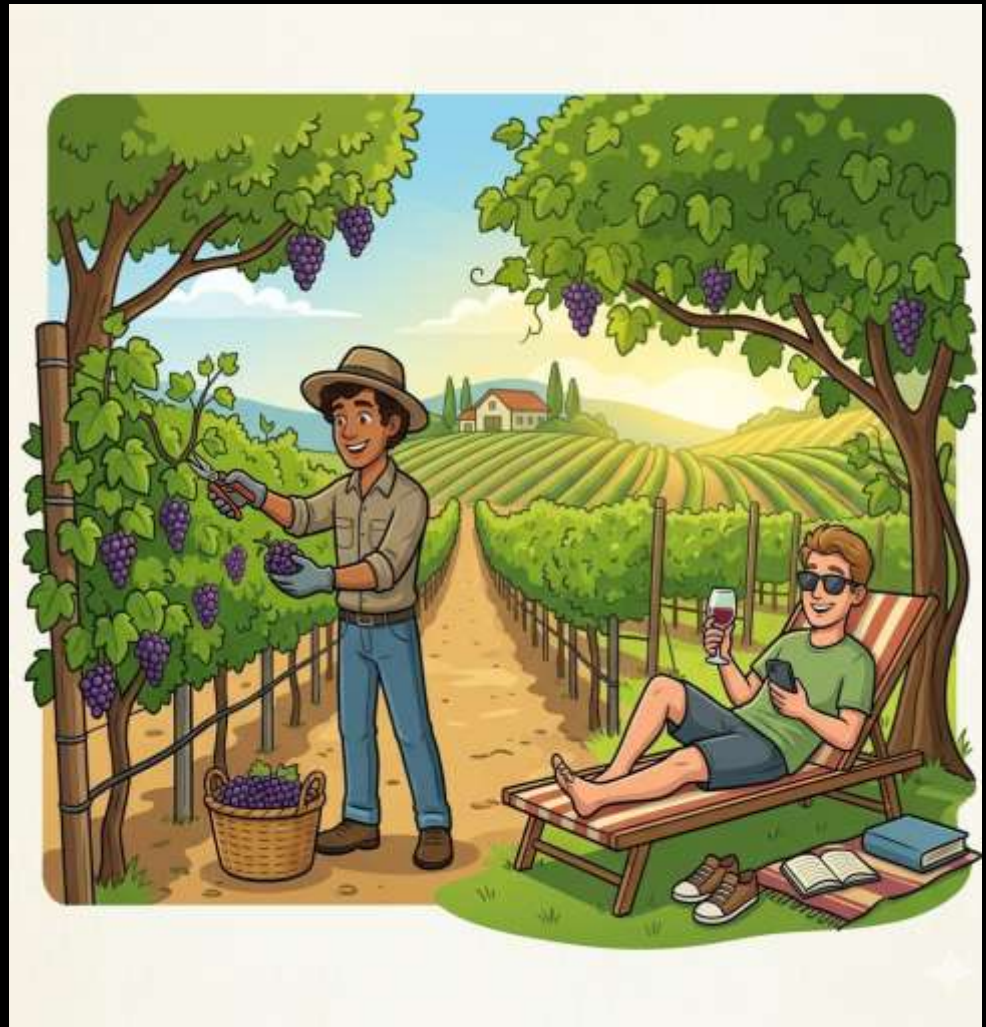
Not delayed.

Not partial.

Not reluctant.

Proverbs 3:5–6

Romans 12:1-2



The Gospel Connection: Jesus as the Perfect Example

The perfect model.

“Not my will, but yours be done.”

Philippians 2:8

Hebrews 5:8

Conclusion: A Heart Check

- Where am I partially obeying God?
- Am I replacing obedience with religious activity?
- Is there an area where I'm saying, "This is good enough"?
- God is not asking for more activity—He is asking for your obedience.