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I found the following article written by a good friend of mine; Bro. Andy Warren. He followed me at the Mt. View congregation near Hackleburg. They were my sponsoring church while I was in school at International Bible College. When I graduated, the church began to support Andy. We have not seen one another but a few times in the past 35 years, but I still think very highly of him. Looking through some church websites, I found some of his work. I hope you like his article.



The Church Car

The minister of a well-attended, strong, and enthusiastic church often showed himself ready and able to deal with any situation that might come up.

One Sunday, just as the minister was reaching the conclusion of his sermon, his own little boy got out of the pew, ran to the center aisle, started making loud beeps and brrrmmms like a car without a muffler, and zoomed right toward the front of the auditorium. The minister stopped his sermon, pointed directly at his son, and commanded, "Jimmy, park the car immediately beside your mother on that bench (pointing), turn off the ignition, and hand her the keys." And that is just what the little fellow did.

The sermon continued undisturbed after a good laugh by the congregation. The point of the story is to show that little Jimmy, obeyed his father.

Obedience is a rare thing anymore. In fact, the first time the Bible mentions obedience its importance is easily seen!

Genesis 22:18 (God told Abraham) "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

It is also interesting to note that the first time anyone just came out and actually spoke of disobeying is found in Exodus. We all know the results of that one.

Exodus 5:2 And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."

There is no doubt throughout scripture that those who know the Lord, obey the Lord! And those who don't will come to know the consequences for disobedience!

2 Thessalonians 1:8 say that when Jesus returns, he will come "in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Just like the preacher's son obeyed his father, so we must obey our Heavenly Father...If we know what's good for us.

(Edited)