

7 Habits

*A seven-week program designed to equip people to live a Christ-Driven life at
Limerick Cornerstone Family Church*

OBEY GOD 7 Habits *Student Syllabus*

Welcome to Limerick Cornerstone Family Church! If this is your first time in this class, I just want you to know how much we appreciate you attending this class.

This is one of seven classes that we call the “7 Habits”. The purpose of 7 Habits is to teach everyone what a Christ-driven life looks like. It’s our main pipeline for the entire church. It’s something we want everyone to go through because it puts us all on the same page.

GOAL OF 7 HABITS: Commitment to live a Christ-Driven Life.

Seven Habits of a Christ-Driven Life

Week 1 – Obey God

Week 2 – Love Others

Week 3 – Daily Worship

Week 4 – Small Group Involvement

Week 5 – Attend Church

Week 6 – Serve Faithfully

Week 7 – Give Sacrificially

So here are some basic facts about 7 Habits...

- This is not intended to be your church fix. Please attend worship service.
- People can enter these weeks at any week. We just want them to complete all seven weeks.
- This not a traditional Sunday School class. We hope and pray that after seven weeks, people make strong commitments to these seven habits and Limerick Cornerstone Family Church.
- We want everyone who attends our Church to go through these classes.
- If you have gone through the Membership Class already, we ask that you attend the seven weeks related to living out a Christ-Driven life.

OBEY GOD

John 14:15 (NASB)

15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

We're going to look at three questions related to this verse.

- 1) How do I grow and abide in Christ?
- 2) How do I face trials and temptations?
- 3) How do I live a spirit-filled life?

QUESTION 1 – HOW DO I GROW AND ABIDE IN CHRIST?

The first thing I need to understand is God wants to lavish

_____ on me!

Exodus 20:6 (NLT)

6 But I lavish my love on those who love me and obey my commands, even for a thousand generations.

Obedience puts me in position to experience _____ in my life.

John 14:15 (Wuest, Greek Interpretation)

15 "If you are loving me with a divine and self-sacrificial love, the commandments which are mine you will keep."

George Barna Study

- Used foul language
- Occasionally lied to get ahead
- Involved in pornography
- Watched rated "R" movies
- Have cheated on their spouses
- Spend little time with their children

Here's the crises. We have this _____ God, who loves us and wants to have a relationship with us, but the bible says we are _____.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

23 For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Sin in the Greek language literally means: "missing the mark".

Matthew 4:17 (NASB)

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus makes it clear that we need to _____.

Alan Richardson, "Repent"

"A reorientation of one's whole life and personality, which includes the adoption of a new ethical line of conduct, a forsaking of sin and a turning to righteousness."

Our desire to turn to God starts with our _____ of God.

1 John 2:3-5 (NLT)

3 And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments.

4 If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth.

5 But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him.

God wants to be the _____ of our passions, desires, and affection.

Exodus 34:6-8 (NLT)

6 He passed in front of Moses and said, "I am the LORD, I am the LORD, the merciful and gracious God. I am slow to anger and rich in unfailing love and faithfulness.

7 I show this unfailing love to many thousands by forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion. Even so I do not leave sin unpunished, but I punish the children for the sins of their parents to the third and fourth generations."

8 Moses immediately fell to the ground and worshiped.

Henry Blackaby

"If you have an obedience problem, you have a love problem. Obedience is the outward expression of your love for God."

John 15:1-10 (NIV)

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If

anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

The frequency of my obedience to God, determines the _____ of my relationship with God. The more I obey God the more I know Him.

When we obey God, we tell God that we love him. Obedience to God communicates to Him that He truly is God in our lives. It's His love language.

QUESTION 2 – HOW DO I FACE TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS?

James 1:14-16 (NLT)

14 Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires.

15 These evil desires lead to evil actions, and evil actions lead to death.

16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.

This is the DNA of disobedience. Temptation appeals to the evil _____ of our heart. Then we act out in disobedience.

Martin Luther

"The difference with temptation and sin is like a bird that flies over your head. You can let them fly over your head but don't let that bird build a nest on your head!"

Galatians 5:17 (NLT)

17 The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.

Here's the crossroad of obedience and disobedience. At this point we have to make a decision of obedience. Two _____ are going on inside of us, that nobody sees.

QUESTION 3 – HOW DO I LIVE A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE?

Galatians 5:24-25 (NLT)

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

25 If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

The way you nail the desires inside of you that are not from God, to the cross, is you _____ obey God in every part of your life. It's a lifestyle of obedience.

The essence of a Spirit-filled life is someone who has surrendered _____ of their life to God.

Romans 8:12 (NLT)

12 So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do."

It doesn't necessarily mean that we will never sin, because we still battle with our sinful nature every day, but we are _____ under any obligation to do whatever our sinful nature urges us to do.

God has called us to pursue a radical life of obedience to Him!

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NASB)

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word "sanctify" literally means to be "_____".

Hebrews 9:11-14 (NIV)

11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Obedience is directly tied to our experience of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. The more we obey God, the more we experience the _____ of God's Holy Spirit.

John 7:37-39 (NIV)

37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to

receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

You live a spirit-filled life when you commit to a life of _____ . God wants you to surrender every area of your life to Him. God wants to sanctify you entirely. God wants your spirit, soul and body to be complete.

CHALLENGE FOR COMMITMENT

Make a commitment to live a life of obedience to God. Commit to obeying God in every part of your life.