

I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. MEDITATION

A. Review your class notes from Tuesday.

- Take some time to think about the main ideas of the lesson. If you want to add details to your notes, you'll find the audio message on our website under the Resources tab. (www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com).
- Which of the scriptures referenced were particularly meaningful to you? Write out those verses below and spend some time studying them this week.

B. Rewrite your One Thing into a prayer, expressing your heart's desire for God to make this truth become your experience.

III. PRINCIPLES

Our Abba Father has liberated us from slavery to sin. He is doing a re-parenting work in us by calling us to and enabling us to learn Progressive Obedience:

A. Guiding

- Obedience = doing what God says to do, how and when He instructs you to do it
- That definition implies listening to God.
- Exodus chapters 38-40 states 19 times, 'According to all the Lord commanded Moses, so did he,' and *then*, 'The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.'
- With rare exception, Moses sought God's guidance and obeyed it.
- Remember that it is the mature Huios child that is led by the Spirit (Rom 8:14)
- God's Word provides His general will for us: Ps 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- We need the Holy Spirit to interpret the Bible for us so that we might apply it to our circumstances: Ps 32:8—I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
- The Holy Spirit empowers the Scriptures when we invite Him to be our Guide, "speaking" them into our spirits. The Bible itself contains no power for obedience.
- Andrew Murray quote: Let me try and speak very plainly about this. We rejoice in increased attention given to Bible study, and in testimonies as to the interest awakened and benefit received. But let us not deceive ourselves. We may delight in studying the Bible; we may admire and be charmed with the views we get of God's truth; the thoughts suggested may make a deep impression and waken the most pleasing religious emotions; and yet the practical influence in making us holy or humble, loving, patient, ready either for service or suffering, be very small. The one reason for this is that we do not receive the Word, as it is in very deed, as the Word of a living God, who must Himself speak to us, and into us, if it is to exert its divine power.
- So if we want to grow in our obedience, we need to learn to wait on the Spirit to make the Word personal: Lk 11:13— If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Insights:

B. Abiding

- In Leviticus 8 and 9, you have, the expression 'According to all the Lord commanded Moses, so did he,' twelve times followed by this statement: 'The glory of the Lord appeared before all the people'
- The Father is free to bestow His favor and presence on obedient children: Ex 19:4--If you will obey My voice indeed, ye shall be a peculiar treasure to Me above all people.
- Our obedience invites a greater revelation of the Father's presence. And it's only by abiding in Him that we'll be able to experience progressive obedience!
- One of the greatest treasures of our inheritance in Christ is His obedience because it makes us righteous: Rom 5:17 AMP-- For if by the trespass of the one (Adam), death reigned through the one (Adam), much more *surely* will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in [eternal] life through the One, Jesus Christ.

- When we abide in Jesus' obedience unto death, we also find in Him His resurrection power to obey:
 - Gal 2:20-- I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
 - Rom 6:6-14 NLT-- We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. **7** For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. **8** And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. **9** We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. **10** When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. **11** So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. **12** Do not let sin control the way you live;[a] do not give in to sinful desires. **13** Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. **14** Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.
- We show our family resemblance when we abide in Christ's righteousness through obedience: Mt 12:50-- Whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother

Insights:

C. Residing

- God's presence brings the greatest satisfaction in life. We discover that as we reside there more and more through our progressive obedience.
- Mature obedience comes after residing daily with God and building trust over time.
- Abraham's capacity to obey God grew as he got to know Him. He had tested and proved the will of God to be good, acceptable and perfect.
- As Covenant-Keeping Yahweh, God birthed a son to a 100-year-old man.
- Abraham biggest test of faith and obedience came late in his life. He obeyed, sure that God would raise the dead if need be in order to provide and to keep His promise: Gen 22:8-- Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."
- Jesus, too, progressed in His life of obedience: Heb 5:8—He learned obedience.
- It was not until the end of His earthly life that Jesus said: Lk 22:42-- Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.
- Each step of obedience brings the discovery that the center of God's will is indeed a very sweet spot to reside: Ps 40:8-- I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law *is* within my heart.
- Jesus tells us that obeying the Father brought Him deep inner satisfaction: John 4:34-- Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me

- Doing the Father's will brings strength, comfort, and joy to our spirits just as food does those things for our bodies.
- Pray this way: *Father I want Your will to be done in my life just as it is in heaven. Bless me with Your wisdom and revelation so that I will truly see that obedience is as sweet, satisfying, and necessary as the food I eat each day.*

Insights:

IV. PERSONALIZATION

A. Cultivate intimacy with God by connecting with Him daily:

- Practice the Middle of the Page technique of journaling with God:
 - Find a quiet spot
 - Fix your eyes of Jesus
 - Find the flow of God's voice (sounds like spontaneous, biblical thoughts)
 - Facilitate communication by journaling
- Find biblical guidelines and support for hearing from the Lord in "Tools & Techniques: Listening to God."

B. Cooperate with the Father's re-parenting process:

- Continue to soak in Scriptures that speak the Father's words of affirmation to you. Allow them to free you from slavery and the orphan spirit.
- Use the handout "Tools & Techniques: Liberation" to minister to your worth.
- Let the Father mature you. Ask Him for the Holy Spirit in your hollow places:

Resourcefulness	Integrity of Character
Equal but Unique	Consequences
Delayed Gratification	Appropriate Priorities
Progressive Obedience	Place in His-story

C. Consider generational sin as you pursue the path to freedom:

- Identify which parent/ancestor that introduced the sin into your family line.
- Confess sins of ancestors + your own (sin → wound → sin cycle)
- Appropriate forgiveness using Ephesians 4:31-32, forgiving all (including yourself)
- Put the Cross between you and this old legacy—it stops here.
- Ask God in His mercy to stop the reaping and lead you into new paths of obedience.

D. Receive your true identity and legitimacy from your Abba Father:

- Ask Him to show you how He sees you: *Abba, who am I to you?*
- Continue to meditate on and explore all the truth of who you are in Christ.

E. Spend time in God's presence through prayer and song using the names of God.

F. Get to know God better by meditating on His names using the Nuggets" booklet.

- Ask the Lord "Who do You want to be for me?" in my day, issue, or season.

G. Keep a written record of how God ministers to you this week. Come back ready to share what you've experienced.