

Religion, Love and Obedience to God

Scripture tells us that those who love God will obey him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3). However, we must be careful to not confuse obedience with religious activities. Some of the worst enemies of God have been religious people!

Obedience involves moral purity and a willingness to live one's life in a way that brings honor and glory to God (1 Corinthians 10:31). In contrast, religion, as the word is commonly understood, involves "church activities," ceremonial rituals, sermons and lessons, special activities, etc. - things which may have value, but which are often practiced when obedience and love are glaringly absent!