

FAITH PROMISE #3 - GIVE OBEDIENTLY

II CORINTHIANS 8:7

God's plan for giving to missions is all-inclusive. Everyone can and should participate.

I. JESUS OBEYED THE FATHER

- A. Obedient to the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8
 - 1. Jesus is God and yet obeyed His Father.
 - 2. Even when the cost was high (Death).
 - 3. God the Father sent God the Son to complete His work.
 - 4. The works bear witness of His authority. John 5:36
- B. Jesus always did the things that please God. John 8:29
 - 1. Sometimes human children don't obey parents (explain).
 - 2. Jesus was a perfect Son in all ways.
 - 3. Children commanded to obey parents. Ephesians 6:1-4

II. WE SHOULD OBEY THE FATHER

- A. The martyrs through the years obeyed unto death.
 - 1. Foxe's Book of Martyrs - many terrible deaths.
 - 2. Baptist drowned by the Inquisition for "re-baptizing."
 - 3. Stephen obeyed unto death. Acts 7:51-60
- B. Breaking a vow unto God is wrong (and frightening).
 - 1. He shall not break his word. Numbers 30:2
 - 2. God will surely require it of thee. Deuteronomy 23:21
 - 3. Better to not vow than to not pay. Ecclesiastes 5:4-5
 - 4. He that ought to be feared. Psalms 76:11
- C. We should obey because it is right.
 - 1. We are told to fulfill the Great Commission.
 - 2. We know it costs money to send missionaries out.
 - 3. We know it is "right." James 4:17

III. WE MUST SEE TO IT

- A. As ye abound in everything. II Corinthians 8:7
 - 1. In faith - substance of things hoped for...
 - 2. In utterance - speaking the truth in love.
 - 3. In knowledge - learning from the Word of God.
 - 4. In all diligence - completing the task.
 - 5. In your love towards us - missionaries
- B. See that you abound in this grace also
 - 1. This is a command not a suggestion

CONCLUSION: We give obediently to model our love of Jesus Christ. Missions Work is His heart.