



“Willing & Obedient”

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I. **Isaiah 1:16-20**

A. **Willing**

1. **To breathe; To be acquiescent; consent; rest content.**
2. **Acquiescent – Ready to accept something without protest.**

B. **Obedient**

1. **To hear intelligently; attentive; listen; obey.**
2. **Obey – To comply with or follow instructions.**

C. The Understanding

1. God’s instructions are not difficult to follow (I John 5:3)
2. Willing & Obedient vs. Refuse and Rebel (Willing – Just resting/breathing on God’s Word / Obedient – Attentive and Ready to Act).
3. Obedience is key and even greater (by example) than willingness....but if your pattern is stubborn obedience, then the voice of God will grow distant and faint!

II. Bible Examples...

A. **II Kings 5:9-14**

1. The Willingness was there until...
2. The “I Thought” Syndrome (Pride...will cause you to miss God’s blessing).
3. Naaman was obedient beyond his willingness and understanding. His obedience produced the miracle.

B. **Luke 5:3-7**

1. Where was the willingness? Tired and Weary...Isn’t it interesting how God will ask us to do things when we have the greatest opportunity to “not feel like it.”
2. His willingness was lacking, but Peter’s obedience made up for the loss.
3. **John 21:3-7** (Peter had learned a valuable lesson on the willingness side of things).

C. **Luke 1:34-38**

1. It’s ok to ask questions for clarity and understanding; Mary was not asking out of doubt or unbelief....she wasn’t arguing with God!
2. Be it unto me...That’s all God needs!