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The man who loves Christ will do what God says. However, he will struggle with his obedience to Christ if doesn't love God. If anyone tries to obey Christ with loving him, it will be a burden and a duty. He will never experience the joy and blessing that Christ intends for him to have.

If a person has lost his first love, he will be a Christian who serves out of duty, loyalty to a church, obligation to others, or out of guilt from sin but not out of love. Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching, my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (John 14:23)

You can participate in religious activity without a relationship with God. Many do. But if you are serving from these motives, you will miss experiencing God the way he created you to experience him. Everything in your life will be meaningless and fruitless. Your love for him determines your obedience, and your obedience determines your experiencing God.

**We love him because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19) Don't lose heart in obeying God. Amen.**

*"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20*

