

SEVEN WAYS TO DISOBEY GOD

I Peter 5:8-9
II Corinthians 2:11

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- **God has always required man to accept and obey His word**
 - Genesis 4:3-7 – “sin coucheth at the door”
 - cf. Hebrews 11:4 – “By faith Abel offered”
- **The Gospel age in which we live is no different**
 - Hebrews 5:8-9 – “all them that obey him”
- **We must realize that God speaks to us and commands us through his Son**
 - Hebrews 1:1-2 – “spoken to us by his Son”
 - Acts 3:22-23 – “To him shall ye hearken in all”
 - 2 John 9-11 – “abide in not in the teaching”
 - John 12:48 – “shall judge him in the last day”

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1. By Doing What Is Forbidden

- Genesis 2:15-17 – “thou shalt not eat of it”
- Genesis 3:1-7 – “she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat”
- Adam and Eve violated the Will of God.
 - A sin of **commission**.
 - This was specifically prohibited by God
- Men today often do exactly what He has forbidden.
 - cf. Galatians 5:19-21 – “works of the flesh”

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2. By Refusing To Do What God Has Commanded

- James 4:17 – “doeth it not”
- Luke 7:30 – “rejected for themselves the counsel of God”
- Hebrews 10:25 – “not forsaking our own assembling together”
- These are sins of **omission**
 - cf. Luke 16:29-31 – “... hear them”
 - cf. Acts 10:1-2 – “a devout man”
 - cf. Acts 11:14 – “thou shalt be saved”

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3. By Adding To The Word Of God

- Deuteronomy 4:1-4 – “Ye shall not add unto the word”
- Revelation 22:18 – “if any man shall add unto them”
- Adding to God's word/commandments is very common
 - cf. Ephesians 5:19 – “speaking one to another”
 - cf. Colossians 2:12 – “buried with him”
 - cf. I Peter 5:1-3 – “elders among you”

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4. By Taking Away From The Word Of God

- Deuteronomy 4:2 – “neither shall ye diminish from it”
- Revelation 22:19 – “if any man shall take away”
- To take from God's Word is a sin of the same sort as adding to His Word.
 - Some apparently think there are “non-essential commands.”
 - cf. Hebrews 5:8-9 – “... obey him”
 - cf. Matthew 5:32 – “... shall put away”

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5. By appearing to obey, but the heart is "far from me" (see Mark 7:6)

- Luke 18:9-14 – "trusted in themselves"
- **Saul learned this lesson the hard way**
- I Samuel 15:22-23 – "rejected thee from being king"
- cf. Romans 6:16-18 – "servants of righteousness"
- cf. Revelation 2: 1-7 – "To him that overcometh"

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6. By Substituting For What God Has Commanded

- Leviticus 10:1-3 – "offered strange fire"
- This was different from what was specified by God.
- cf. Leviticus 16:12-13 – "a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar"
- cf. Acts 8:35-39 – "preached unto him Jesus ... they both went down into the water"
- Infants? Sprinkling? Pouring?

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7. By not respecting the silence of the scriptures

- cf. Hebrews 7:14 – "Moses spake nothing concerning priests"
- cf. Deuteronomy 17:2-5 – "which I have not commanded"
- cf. Deuteronomy 18:20 – "which I have not commanded"
- I Timothy 3:15 – "how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God"

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Conclusion:

- Numbers 22:18 – "I cannot go beyond the work of Jehovah my God"
- I Corinthians 4:4-6 – "ye might learn not (to go) beyond"
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-7 – "a time for every purpose ... a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to **keep silence**, and a time to **speak**"

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THE WAY TO OBEY GOD

- Hear the Word of God
 - James 1:21 – "Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."
- Believe that Jesus is the Savior
 - Hebrews 11:6 – "And without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing (unto him); for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and (that) he is a rewarder of them that seek after him."
- Repent of your sins
 - Acts 3:19 – "Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

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- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - Matthew 10:32 – "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven."
- Be immersed in water
 - Acts 2:38 – "And Peter (said) unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Remain faithful
 - Hebrews 3:14 – "... if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end"

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