



2025 Focus: Committed to Executing the Word

James 1:22

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Living With Expectation

Numbers 23:19, Isaiah 55:11, Ephesians 3:20, Philippians
2:13, Romans 8:28

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God is clear about what He expects from us as Christians. He expects us to:

- **Matthew 22:37-39** – love Him with all of our heart, mind, and soul and our neighbor as ourselves;
- **Micah 6:8** – do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with Him;
- **John 15:16** - Bear fruit;
- **2 Corinthians 5:7** – Walk by faith, and not by sight;
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** – Trust Him – not lean to our own understanding;

Just as God has expectations, we, as Christians, should live a life of expectancy. Many times, we live defeated lives because of low expectations of God. Remember, at salvation God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him – **2 Peter 1:3-4**, knowing and doing His Word matters.

- 1) **Your obedience to God determines your level of expectations from God.** You can tell a person's level of obedience by what they expect God to do. If a believer has no expectation of God, it's probably because they are not consciously obeying God or cognizant of the scriptures they are obeying.

God has attached promises to His instructions to us as His children. When we are serious about obeying God our expectations of God naturally kick in – [Jeremiah 33:3](#), [1 John 5:14](#), [Proverbs 3:5-6](#).

According to [Jeremiah 33:3](#) – What can you expect from God when you call upon Him?

According to [1 John 5:14](#) – What can you expect God to do when you ask anything according to His will?

According to [Proverbs 3:5-6](#), what can you expect of God when you trust in Him with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding and in all your ways acknowledge Him?

- 2) **Your faith in God determines your level of obedience** - Remember God requires the believer to walk by faith and not by sight – [2 Corinthians 5:7](#). It is by faith that you know that God keeps His Word – [Hebrews 11:6](#).

Faith and obedience are not separate; they are deeply connected. The degree to which you trust God will determine the degree to which you obey Him. Each person's



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obedience is a visible expression of their Trust in God. You act on what you believe. If you trust God, obedience is not a struggle. It's a demonstration of your love for God – **1 John 5:3-4**.

- 3) **Weak faith produces partial, delayed or no obedience** – partial faith is really disobedience. Disobedience causes doubt, and doubt results in little or no expectations from God, which results in continual disobedience.
- 4) **Expectation is fueled by God's Word** (**Isaiah 55:11**) – The more scripture you know and obey (**James 1:22**) the more you will expect from God. If you do not know the Word of God, you can never know what to expect from God.
- 5) **Living with expectations from God looks like this:**
 - a. You do not live in fear – **2 Timothy 1:7**
 - b. You are not anxious – **Philippians 4:6-7**
 - c. You are confident – **1 John 5:14**
 - d. You trust God totally – **Proverbs 3:5-6**
 - e. You are productive – **John 15:16**

Living with expectations from God isn't wishful thinking. It's a faith-filled lifestyle that says: I have hope, not because of what I see, but because of what God says. My hope is not in the outcomes; my hope is in God.