

Obedience Training

Many people have dogs for pets, and love to teach them at least three basic commands. We are not looking at specialised training commands, or even basic trick commands.

We are just looking at the three basic commands, 'Sit', 'Walk' and 'Stand', and all used to show just how obedient your dog is to what you say.

You can let your pet off the leash, but you, my friend, are still very much on the leash to continue your training.

SIT

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne", Revelation 3:21.

Sit means rest, with the knowledge that there is nothing we can do, for everything has been done for every one of us by the Lord.

Jesus had gone to the earthly home of two sisters, Martha and Mary. Two sisters, but totally different aspects of life.

Martha opened her home to Jesus, and, as a hostess, she was determined to excel herself.

Mary opened her heart to Jesus and tried her best just to increase her love of the Lord.

Martha laboured, and in frustration she lost her peace.

Mary opened her heart to Jesus and increased the peace in her life.

Martha was intent on feeding the body.

Mary was intent on feeding the soul.

If we wish to sit with the Lord in eternity, we need to be obedient to His Commands as we go through this life.

WALK

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy", Revelation 3:4.

The Old Testament cites two people who 'walked' with God, and both received great rewards.

For Enoch one day was as good as the previous. One day, Enoch was doing as he had on previous days, when God took him from the earth into

the heavens.

One day, those walking in obedience to God's Laws and Commands, will set out to walk with God through the day, and finish their day walking through the Gates of Heaven.

The second man, after building a boat to God's specifications, was taken on a round the world cruise.

Those who were not prepared to walk according to God's Commands, stayed at home, and drowned in the flood.

The Apostle Paul has summed it up for us, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace", Ephesians 4:1-3.

STAND

"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?", Revelation 6:17.

Only those who have sat and talked with the Lord.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith...", 1 Corinthians 16:13.

God is looking for committed Christians, those who will not run at the first sign of adversity.

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil", Ephesians 6:11.

Strong or weak, male or female, babe or adult in the Lord, we all have the same protection that Jesus has provided.

"For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord", 1 Thessalonians 3:8.

If you are standing as a pillar of faith beside the Lord, you have completed your obedience training.

You have been a 'Mary', sitting at the feet of Jesus, you have not been a 'Martha' worrying about earthly ideals.

You have been an 'Enoch', walking with the Lord, and arrived to remain in His Presence throughout eternity.

If you have not sat with the Lord for those quiet times with Him.

If you have not walked with the Lord when He asked you to join Him as you went through life.

You will not be standing in His presence throughout eternity.