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Lev. 18:4-5, “You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I AM the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.”

The Hebrew word for *obey* is **ta a su** which means *to accomplish, bring forth, commit, take action or follow through*. One thing that God truly desires is for His people to obey. This obedience comes from a desire to honor and please our Heavenly Father. It is the cornerstone of a right and true relationship with Him. Even Jesus made mention of this in **John 15:9-10**, “***As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love.***” Now this doesn’t mean that you will lose God’s love if you disobey Him, but **remain** means to abide in a right relationship. God can bless us abundantly when we walk in obedience.

Our Father wants to bless us as He told His people through Moses in **Dt. 28:1-2**, “***If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD you God.***”

The reason He wants us to obey is because He knows what is best for us and He loves us so much that He doesn’t want us to suffer because of our disobedience. If you are a parent, you understand this and want your children to obey because you know that you want to protect them and not see them suffer the consequences of disobedience. If they do disobey, it doesn’t make you love them less, but the relationship is hurt and can’t function correctly until it is made right. Our Father wants us to stay right with Him by obeying Him and His Word.

Dear LORD, help us to desire to walk in obedience with You. And when we stumble and fall, help us to quickly repent and return to a right relationship with You. In Jesus Name, Amen