

## The Church Car

The minister of a well-attended, strong, and enthusiastic church often showed himself ready and able to deal with any situation that might come up.

One Sunday, just as the minister was reaching the climax of his sermon, his own young son entered the church, ran to the center aisle, started making loud beeps and brrrmmms like a car without a muffler, then zoomed right toward him.

The minister stopped his sermon, pointed directly at his son, and commanded, "Jimmy, park the car immediately beside your mother on that bench (pointing), turn off the ignition, and hand her the keys."

The sermon continued undisturbed after a good laugh by the congregation.

The story seems to indicate that little Jimmy, obeyed his father. Obedience is a rare thing anymore. In fact, the first time obedience is mentioned in the Bible shows the importance of it!

**Genesis 22:18** (God told Abraham) *"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have **obeyed** My voice."*

It is also interesting to note that the first time anyone just came out and actually spoke of disobeying is found in Exodus. We all know the results of that one:

**Exodus 5:2** *And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."*

There is no doubt throughout scripture that those who know the Lord, obey the Lord! And those who don't will know the consequences!

**2 Thessalonians 1:8** *in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not **know** God, and on those who do not **obey** the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Love to all,

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