

## Obedience? Bah, Humbug!

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How many of us today have little use for “authority” and “obedience” to the law of the land? From our nation’s leaders on down, our nation is suffering from the crisis of rebellion, disobedience, and disdain for it. But have we stopped to think of the **consequences** of this? After all, why do parents make rules for their children? Why do schools make rules for their students and teachers? And why does God make rules for us to follow in the New Testament? The answer for all three questions is: “For our own good!” So if we rebel, disobey, and ignore these rules, aren’t we harming ourselves? I know that some parents and some school administrators are less than perfect, but what about God? He is perfect and He still gives us rules to follow **for our own good!** Do we have to suffer long-term consequences before we believe it?

God considers **disobedience** as (1) sin, **1 Jn. 3:4**; (2) unwise, **Prov. 1:7**; (3) harmful, **Prov. 1:24-28**; (4) deserving of punishment, **Deut. 28-29**; (5) without promise, **Eph. 6:1-2**; (6) something God hates, **Prov. 6:16-19**; (7) worthy of eternal condemnation, **Rom. 2:4-5**. Read these Scriptures slowly, carefully, and thoughtfully. Maybe you and I need a “checkup from the neck up”! God’s ways are best. We just need to believe it!

If you think this is all wrong, then go back to the ten commandments (**Exodus 20**) and make a list of the ones you think are wrong and why. Even the most anarchist-minded people have *some rules*. I wonder why?

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