

Five Keys to Divine Increase - Key 4, Love Obeying God's Word

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Love Came First

KEY VERSE:

1 John 4:10 -- "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

REFLECTION:

I want to start this week by reminding you of something that changes everything -- God loved you first. Long before you ever thought about Him, before you made a single right choice or said a single right prayer, He was already running toward you with open arms. That's not religion. That's a Father who is crazy about His children.

Here's what I've learned in ministry: you cannot truly obey God until you truly receive His love. Obedience that flows from fear or obligation is exhausting and empty. But obedience that flows from love? That's where the power is. That's where the joy is. This week, we're going to build something together -- a foundation of love that makes obeying God feel like the most natural thing in the world. Let's start right here, receiving His love today.

PRAYER:

Father, thank You for loving me before I ever loved You. Help me to receive that love deeply today, not just know it in my head, but feel it in my heart. Let that love be the starting point for everything I do this week.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down three ways God has shown His love to you personally, and read them aloud as an act of thankfulness today.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

The Living Word in Your Hands

KEY VERSE:

2 Timothy 3:16 -- "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

REFLECTION:

I'll be honest with you -- I've watched people treat this Bible like a lucky charm they keep on the nightstand, and I've watched people treat it like the very breath of God. The difference in their lives is unmistakable. Every word in this book was breathed out by God Himself. That means when you open it, you're not just reading ancient history -- you're encountering the living voice of the One who made you.

The word "profitable" jumps out at me every time. God is saying, this is for your benefit. The correction, the instruction, even the reproof -- it's all working for you, not against you. I spent two hours a day in this book when I was a young believer, and I'll tell you what, it rewired everything. The more you're in the word, the more you see, and the more you see, the more you're changed.

PRAYER:

Lord, forgive me for the times I've treated Your word casually. Reignite a hunger in me today to open this book and find You on every page. Let Your word correct me, instruct me, and lead me into the life You planned for me.

DAILY ACTION:

Set a specific, recurring time in your daily calendar this week -- even 15 minutes -- dedicated solely to reading your Bible without any distractions.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

His Commands Are Not a Burden

KEY VERSE:

1 John 5:3 -- "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."

REFLECTION:

I want to address something I hear a lot, even from sincere believers -- "Pastor, following all these commands feels so heavy." I understand that feeling. But here's what I want you to see today: the commands of God are not chains, they are guardrails. They exist because He loves you and He knows the road ahead better than you do.

When I told God I would obey everything in this book -- not some of it, all of it -- my life didn't become harder. It became cleaner, clearer, more powerful. The burden isn't in the obedience; the burden is in the disobedience. Living outside of what God says is what exhausts you. His commands are actually the path of least resistance when you're walking in love. Let me encourage you today -- what feels like restriction is actually protection. What looks like a fence is actually freedom.

PRAYER:

Father, help me to see Your commands through the lens of love today, not law. Where I've been carrying the weight of disobedience, I ask for Your forgiveness and Your grace to start fresh. I want to walk in Your ways because I love You, not because I have to.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one area where you've been resisting God's word, and take one small, practical step today toward obedience in that area.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Obedience Opens the Door to God's Presence

KEY VERSE:

John 14:23 -- "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'"

REFLECTION:

This verse stops me every time I read it. Jesus is saying that when you love Him and obey His word, the Father and the Son come and make their home -- their dwelling place -- inside you. That's not a small thing. That's the presence of God taking up permanent residence in your life.

I've experienced this personally. When I began to walk in obedience -- even in the things I didn't want to do, like leaving corporate America for ministry, like saying no when God said no -- I found that His presence became more real, more tangible. The blessing was never just financial or circumstantial; it was His nearness. That's the divine increase we're talking about this week. It's not just stuff. It's Him. And when you have Him, everything else gets taken care of. Obedience is the doorway into His presence.

PRAYER:

Jesus, I want You to make Your home in me -- not just visit me on Sundays. Show me where my disobedience has kept that door closed, and give me the courage to fling it wide open today. I love You, and I want You near.

DAILY ACTION:

Spend five minutes in quiet today -- no phone, no noise -- and simply invite God's presence into your home, your heart, and your day.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Get Under the Spout

KEY VERSE:

John 15:10 -- "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

REFLECTION:

I love this old Pentecostal song I quote often: "Get under the spout where the glory comes out." It says everything. There is a supply coming from heaven -- blessing, favor, increase, peace, power -- and you can be a believer and still miss it. You can be this close and just be standing in the wrong spot.

This whole week we've been talking about loving God, loving His word, and loving to obey Him. Here's what I want you to take into your weekend: obedience is simply positioning yourself under the spout. It's not earning God's love -- He already loves you unconditionally. It's aligning your life with the flow of what He's already releasing. The more you obey, the more you experience His love, and the more you experience His love, the more you want to obey. It's a cycle of blessing, and it starts with one decision -- to say yes to God today.

PRAYER:

Father, I want to be under the spout. I don't want to be close to the blessing and miss it -- I want to be right in the middle of everything You're pouring out. Help me to say yes to You quickly, completely, and joyfully this weekend and every day. I love You.

DAILY ACTION:

Share one thing God has been speaking to you through His word this week with a friend, family member, or fellow church member -- let your obedience become an encouragement to someone else today.