

RADICAL OBEDIENCE

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Latin (radix) meaning _____
(typically a plant, though also metaphorically, the origin or source)

Obedience

Hebrew (shema) meaning _____ / _____ / _____

Greek (hypakouo) meaning _____ / _____

Radical Obedience (literally speaking!)

is a life _____ (in God, as the origin and source!)
and committed to _____ and _____ love

I Am the True Vine (John 15 verses 1 to 11)

Jesus is the _____ everything grows/flows from Him
We're _____ receiving life, carrying what the vine gives
The Father is the _____ tending / pruning branches
We're invited to _____ to dwell, remain, hidden formation
The _____ is the visible expression that reveals life within

Examples of visible fruit of radical obedience

1. _____ (Mt 11:28-29, Heb 4:9-11, Jn 15:4-5)
2. _____ (Gal 5:16, Eph 4:1, Col 2:6)₂
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4. _____ (Gal 5:13, 1 Pet 4:10, Jn 13:14-15)₂
5. _____ (Rom 12:1, Lk 9:23, Jas 4:7, Gal 2:20)

Bearing good fruit...

_____ not _____	<i>Resting v striving</i>
_____ not _____	<i>Walking v drifting</i>
_____ not _____	<i>Standing v falling</i>
_____ not _____	<i>Serving v self-protecting</i>
_____ not _____	<i>Surrendering v controlling</i>

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Examples of formations of radical obedience

1. _____ (stillness)
The quieting of the heart, interior stillness before God,
from _____ to _____
"A mind that has found stillness becomes the dwelling place of God"
2. _____ (turning)
The Spirit's re-ordering of desire, a holy turning
from _____ to _____
"Do not give your heart to that which does not satisfy the heart"
3. _____ (inner freedom)
The untangled heart, freedom from domination by passions,
from _____ to _____
"A person is free when nothing controls them except God"
4. _____ (divine love)
Self-giving love expressed in relationship, shared becoming,
from _____ to _____
"No one can build a house by themselves. We need one another"
5. _____ (self-emptying)
The self-giving of Christ, pouring oneself out in love,
from _____ to _____
"If you become completely empty, you will be filled with God."

Radical obedience is life flowing from the vine to the branch

- 'I am the true vine', radical obedience comes from the source
- 'My Father is the vinedresser', God tends to the roots
- 'Abide in me, and I in you', union with God is the way to life
- 'Whoever abides in me... bears much fruit', obedience is overflow
- 'Abide in My love... that your joy may be full', abiding is life giving

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