

### **Vol. 3 – Day 15: My Obedience to God Will Upset Others**

Our most significant other often calls on us to do things that will inconvenience or distress others we love. Yet because we hold them **most** dear to us, we will let others be aggravated rather than disappointing our dearest. It is indeed our actions that demonstrate our true affections. We tend to stand up for, defend and otherwise support those we love. Yet, many times we cannot please everyone at the same time.

When we say we love God the most but our actions betray us in that regard, it is time to either draw closer to God or at least stop saying that He is our dearest love. Obviously, we must sometimes disappoint some in order to accommodate others. The important thing to recognize in all this is that every decision is a testimony as to who or what is of greatest value to us.

God never forces us to do His bidding over others'. He simply offers us the opportunity to be up close and personal enough with Him to be and receive enormous blessing. God's will is not a matter of His plan A and B or His perfect and permissive will. God's purposes will not be thwarted by either you or me. If I am not willing to be used in the moment to accomplish His purposes, He will simply dispatch another to get it done.

You are likely aware of this as well. In every situation when God offers you an opportunity to be of service to Him, there will be those who will be unhappy if you change your plans on the spot in order to do what He has asked. We always have the option to diffuse the anger of those in our presence but in so doing we will create sorrow for our Lord. His sorrow is that we love others more than Him.

The first of the 10 Commandments is "You shall have no other gods before Me!" God knows we have many others whom we worship (place great value on). Our quest is to make Him first in all things. When we inconvenience others, rest assured, "God will use their aggravation in order to mature their relationship with Him as well!" Simply obey and leave all the consequences to Him.