

CAREFUL OBEDIENCE / 2 Chronicles 4

Solomon and his workers carefully followed God's instructions. As a result, the Temple work was blessed by God and completed in every detail. Here are a few examples of people in the Bible who did not carefully follow one of God's instructions, and the resulting consequences. It is *not* enough to obey God halfheartedly.

Who?	God's Instruction	Disobedience	Result
Adam and Eve	Don't eat fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17)	Satan tempted them, and they ate (Genesis 3:1-6)	They were banished from the Garden of Eden, pain and death were inflicted on all people (Genesis 3:24; Romans 5:12)
Nadab and Abihu	Fire for the sacrifice must come from the proper source (Leviticus 6:12-13)	They used unauthorized fire for their sacrifice (Leviticus 10:1)	They were struck dead (Leviticus 10:2)
Moses	"Command the rock over there to pour out its water" (Numbers 20:8)	He spoke to the rock, but also struck it with his staff (Numbers 20:11)	He was not allowed to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 20:12)
Saul	Completely destroy the evil Amalekites (1 Samuel 15:3)	He spared the king and kept some of the plunder (1 Samuel 15:8-9)	God promised to end his reign (1 Samuel 15:16-26)
Uzzah	Only a priest can touch the sacred utensils and objects (Numbers 4:15)	He touched the Ark of the Covenant (2 Samuel 6:6)	He died instantly (2 Samuel 6:7)
Uzziah	Only the priests can offer incense in the Temple or Tabernacle sanctuary (Numbers 16:39-40; 18:7)	He entered the Holy Place in the Temple where only priests were allowed to go (2 Chronicles 26:16-18)	He became a leper (2 Chronicles 26:19)