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All throughout God’s Word, we see commandments to obey the Bible (see 1 John 2:3, 5; 3:18–19, 24, etc.) Are you eager to hear it taught? You see, it is not just a love for God’s Word, but a willingness to obey it that marks a person who has a relationship with God.

3. _____ - Ephesians 5:25

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4. _____ - Ephesians 4:30, Romans 8:14

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5. _____ - Romans 7:15

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6. _____ - Luke 18:13

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