

Intro: Into this passages of scripture. Jesus is going to the Garden, he is speaking to his disciples as he walks. I'm thinking in my mind they have entered the garden and the grape vines are around them and he looks at one and maybe touches it with his hand and holds it out with the branch. Then he gives us Chap. 15... **We see Abiding in Christ v1-8, The affections in Christ v9-17, Animosity toward Christ v18-27**  
**John 15:14 (KJV)** Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

What can make me a Successful Christian? Long hours at the office in the study, Door to door evangelism, Given above my tithes , praying longer . All of the above things may seem to make a person successful in their walk with God. All of these are needed and should be in our life, I'm sure. Many because I do these thing will think, Man there is a good Christian. But I can be a terrible Christian and do all these things above mention.

Every efficient Soldier of the Cross know the secret to being a Successful Christian is **Obedience**.

*True Obedience is prompt, active, and knoweth no delays.*

Great Illustration was given by a man on the Congo. He was a Native, and newly convert Christian and he said this "Dear Lord, you be the needle and I will be the thread. You go first, and I will follow wherever you may lead!"

Old Testament Ill. Samuel and Saul( 1Sam. 15)

**The Obedience of Faith** **Romans 1:5 (KJV)** By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Spiritual Obedience comes from a Union with Christ **Romans 16:25-27 (KJV)**

<sup>25</sup> Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

<sup>26</sup> But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

<sup>27</sup> To God only wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

**The Obedience of Love** **John 14:15 (KJV)** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Jn15:9 He tells us that he Loves us Jn 15:13 He tells us that love is action and at Calvary shows us that he Loves us.

**The Obedience of Life** **Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)** <sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

<sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Adoniram Judson graduated from college and seminary he received a call from a fashionable church in Boston to become the assistant pastor. His family was so thrilled. But he shook his head and said my work is not here, God is calling me beyond the seas. Much to the displeasure of his family he left. Some has said over 50,000 soul God use him to see convert to Christ in Burma. He made this statement in that story. "To stay here,even to serve God in His ministry, I feel would be only partial obedience and I could not be happy in that"

**Adoniram Judson, Jr.** (9 August 1788 – 12 April 1850) was an American [Baptist](#) missionary, who served in [Burma](#) for almost forty years. At the age of 25, Adoniram Judson<sup>[1]</sup> became the first [Protestant missionary](#) sent from [North America](#)<sup>[2]</sup> to preach in Burma. His mission and work led to the formation of the first Baptist association in America, inspired many Americans to become or support missionaries, translated the [Bible](#) into [Burmese](#), and established a number of Baptist churches in Burma.

He is sometimes mistakenly referred to as the first missionary to Burma, but he was actually preceded by [James Chater](#) and Richard Mardon who arrived in 1807. They were followed by Felix Carey. However, since those who came earlier did not remain very long, Judson is remembered as the first significant missionary there, as well as one of the group of the very first missionaries from America to travel overseas.

**It took Judson 12 years to make 18 converts.** Nevertheless, there was much to encourage him. He had written a grammar of the language that is still in use today and had begun to translate the [Bible](#).

When Judson began his mission in Burma, he set a goal of translating the Bible and founding a church of 100 members before his death. When he died, he left the Bible, 100 churches, and over 8,000 believers.