

# OBSTACLES WILL HELP YOU GROW

## Family Devotion – Lesson 44

### MEMORY VERSE – JUDGES 17:6

*“In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”*

- There was a time when the nation of Israel did not have an earthly king to rule them. This was because God was to be their king (Theocracy), but they rejected His authority and kingship. Thus, rejecting God as their king, there was no king in Israel. As a result, every man did that which was right in his own eyes. This meant that every man:
  - 1) Rejected God’s laws.
  - 2) Became a law unto themselves.
  - 3) Made up their own rules which could change as the need arose.
- Playing by your own rules will get you into trouble. Quite often it will turn into depression, confusion, immorality, and even lead to death! “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov.14:12).
- Your obedience to God is challenged with an internal obstacle...the old nature/flesh. This was something even the Apostle Paul struggled with (Rom. 7:14-25).
- Not only do we have an internal obstacle to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord, we also have external influences that may obstruct our obedience:
  - 1) Friends
  - 2) Media
  - 3) Peer pressure
- Today, we have King Jesus and His authoritative word to direct us through life. All the obstacles that get in the way will never go away. If you can make up your mind and purpose in your heart to follow the Lord, no matter what gets in the way, you will only grow stronger in the Lord. Regardless of what “every man” is doing, **YOU CAN CHOOSE DO RIGHT IN THE EYES OF THE LORD!**

### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How did the apostle Paul use his obstacles to grow according to 2 Corinthians 12:7-10?
- Do you have an obstacle in you life right now that you are struggling with? Explain.

### PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you do right in His eyes.
- Tell God that you are dedicated to follow Him.

### CHALLENGE

- List three areas in your life where you are tempted to not do right in the eyes of the Lord.