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## UNDER NO OBLIGATION

“Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’? But will he not say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink’? He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.’” Luke 17:7-10

### NO OBLIGATION

#### SERVANTS ARE TO OBEY THEIR MASTERS

*Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.*

Colossians 3:22

***Doing so does not further obligate their master.***

#### DISCIPLES ARE TO OBEY JESUS THEIR MASTER

*“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”*

John 15:10

***Doing so does not further obligate our Lord.***

#### CHILDREN ARE TO OBEY THEIR PARENTS

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

Ephesians 6:1

***Doing so does not further obligate the parents.***

### LESSON

No one has “earned” anything by obeying.  
By our obedience we have “merited” nothing.  
All that we have done is our “duty.”

**The Lord owes us nothing. We owe Him everything,**  
May we ever thank Him for the favor He has freely bestowed.  
*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.*

Titus 3:5