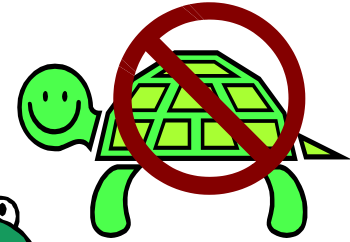
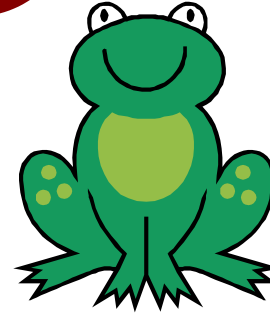


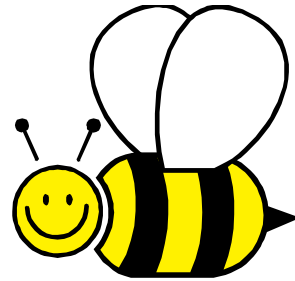
OBEY...



IMMEDIATELY!



SWEETLY!



and

COMPLETELY!





Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17

Obey...not slowly like a snail. Not like a turtle. But obey like a frog – hip hop to it as soon as you are asked to do something. Obey immediately!

Obey sweetly like a honey bee making honey. Have a good attitude rather than grumbling and stomping around!

Obey completely by finishing the task you were asked to do. Don't do it part way!

Asked to empty the garbage? Obey immediately! Don't wait to be told a second or third time making your Dad lose patience with you and perhaps be tempted to raise his voice at you. Obey sweetly! Don't complain asking why your brother or sister couldn't do it instead. Be understanding that the more you help out around the house with a good attitude makes for a joyful and happy home. Obey completely! Did you take the bag all the way to the big garbage can? Did you remember to replace the lid on the can and then the liner bag inside the house?

When you obey three (3) ways, you not only please your parents and teachers, but also God. The Lord views disobedience to authority very seriously! To not obey in one of these ways is partial obedience and therefore disobedience. Another word for disobedience is rebellion.

The Bible records an important story in 1 Samuel 15 when King Saul disobeyed God by not completely following careful instructions given to him by the Lord through the Prophet Samuel. Saul tried to make an excuse for disobeying the instructions thinking God would overlook it if he brought a special sacrifice of the captured animals to offer God. But no, look at verses 22 and 23...

So Samuel said: "Has the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, [And] to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion [is as] the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness [is as] iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from [being] king."

Sin always causes sadness. Behold, to obey is BETTER! Want to be happy? Then trust God's Word which always tells us the Truth. OBEY! God, the Creator knows what is very best for you! However, you cannot begin to please God in your life until you first believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin. Then, you will have the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling you to help you to OBEY 3 WAYS!