

~ Obstacles in Accomplishing the Job ~

In order to get a horse to do a job for us, they must first submit their will and accept our will. Then we must try to communicate our will, and finally they will need to obey our commands.

1st Obstacle – Horse submitting to man’s will.

2nd Obstacle – Communicating man’s will.

3rd Obstacle – Obeying commands .

4th Obstacle – Completing the job.

Many people try to overcome the 4th obstacle without paying any attention to the previous three.

In order for God to use us to do a job, we must overcome the same obstacles that our horse does. I will go into these obstacles in greater detail as the book progresses. I will only hit on the main points right now.

First, we must submit our life to Him. If we are trying to live our life, making all the decisions in our life, we limit God’s ability to use us. Second, we must learn how to communicate with God. This is the primary theme behind this entire book. After willing submission, the biggest limiting factor of true unity between us and our horse or with God is the level of communication that we possess with God or the horse. The third factor is obeying commands. Our horse must learn to obey our commands and we must learn how to obey God’s commands. Not obeying God’s commands has kept man away from God since the Garden of Eden.

The last obstacle that we must try to overcome is actually completing the job. What is the job? Our job is to be a light for Christ, **“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16)**, and lead as many to the Lord as possible (the Great Commission). Just like with our horses, this is not very easy to do if we have not overcome the first 3 obstacles. We all seem to forget this. Not only do we forget the first 3 obstacles, but also we forget what “the job” is in the first place. Our job is to live for Christ. That is our only job on this earth. Everything else is secondary to the Kingdom of God. Our focus should be on heavenly things and not on earthly things, **“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19-20).**

To help keep our perspective, we should remember we have roughly 80 years in this life if we are lucky and then eternity in either heaven or hell. Even if we are certain we are going to heaven, we should remember we will all stand before God one day and be asked what we did for the Kingdom of God, **“For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Matthew 7:2).** Our actions here on earth will be tried with fire, **“It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work” (1 Corinthians 3:13).** The things we did for the Lord will remain and everything else will be burned, **“The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire” (Matthew 3:10).**

