

THE POWER OF AN OBEDIENT LIFE:

Living a Life of Conviction—Part 1

(1 Kings 18:1-21)

After a long time, in the third year, the word of the Lord came to Elijah:

“Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.”

So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab.

1 Kings 18:1-2 (NIV)

*When [Ahab] saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?”
“I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied, “But you and your father’s
family have. You have abandoned the Lord’s commands and have
followed the Baals.”*

1 Kings 18:17-18 (NIV)

**I. You can live a life of conviction only when you are totally
_____ to the _____ of God!**

*“Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount
Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the
four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table. So Ahab
sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount
Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you
waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if
Baal is God, follow him.”* 1 Kings 18:19-21 (NIV)

*No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the
other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.*
Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

*“No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service
in the kingdom of God.”* Luke 9:62 (NIV)

*“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you
were either one or the other! So because you are lukewarm—neither
hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*
Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)

**II. You can live a life of conviction only when you have total
_____ in the _____ of God!
(vv. 22-38)**

**III. You can live a life of conviction only when you are totally
_____ with the _____ of God!
(vv. 39-46).**