The following is an example:

Romans 13 teaches that God ordains all governing authorities, and that we are to submit to them. This immediately causes many of us to think of the "loopholes". Generally speaking, this means OBEY them! Stop focusing on the "loopholes" and focus on ways you can obey.

Here is an exception:

Daniel 3 tells the account of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and the fiery furnace. In this historical account we see that these three men DISOBEYED the king's order. It was an order to worship a false god, and they were not obedient. Their consciences aligned with the clear Word of God, and they could not worship a false god, an idol.

Important notes:

* If we choose disobedience, it must be for a godly purpose (ex. idolatry is **clearly forbidden** in the Bible.)

* If we choose disobedience, we must be willing to pay the price for it (ex. the fiery furnace.)

EXCEPTIONS MUST NEVER BE ENTERED INTO LIGHTLY!

Great damage can be the result of disobedience.

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CONCLUSION

When the Bible **clearly** says something... believe it and adhere to it. Justifying disobedience will not lead to God's blessing.

If you are lead to disobey the passage in question, there **MUST BE a Biblical mandate** and example for doing so. Your conscience or personal desire is not valid justification.

If God leads you to disobey others in order to obey His Word, be prepared to suffer consequences from those you disobey. It is still worth it, as God will not forsake you.

Bottom line: Instead of **seeking loopholes** to justify **disobedience** to the Bible… Seek ways to **OBEY every time.**

Trust God with your life.

Looking For Loopholes

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*"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"* (Genesis 3:1)

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Since the Garden of Eden, believers have been tempted to *"look for loopholes"*. This desire to "find a way out" continues to this day.

HAS GOD REALLY SAID?

From the very first occurrence of this question, truth has been twisted. Satan distorted it... then Eve distorted it.

God gave a simple command, *"Don't eat of this tree!"* Satan said *"every tree?"* Eve said *"we can't even touch it"*.

Questioning, changing, editing, and adding to God's Word is very dangerous.

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LOOKING FOR LOOPHOLES TODAY

So how does this account from the Garden of Eden apply to us today?

Think about it. Meditate on your own life. In many cases, especially when the Bible tells us to do something that we don't like, what is our first thought?

To Look For Loopholes!

For example, the Bible tells us that lying is an abomination.

"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight."
(Proverbs 12:22)

Possibly this very moment you are thinking of the "loopholes"? Thoughts like...

"What about a situation where lying saves lives? Like people in Nazi Germany who lied to save others."

"What about times where telling the truth would hurt someone?"

"What about?" "What about?" "What about?"

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LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR OBEDIENCE!

As Christians, our response to difficult things in the Bible should be to seek opportunities to OBEY! IGNORE ALL POSSIBLE LOOPHOLES!

If we are OBEDIENT to God's Word at every possible opportunity... God will be faithful to lead us at those "What if..." times when our choice does not seem to be so clear.

Obedience is vital to the life of a believer!

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;
*whether of **sin** unto **death**, or of **obedience** unto **righteousness**?"*
(Romans 6:16)

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BUT WHAT IF IT GOES AGAINST MY CONSCIENCE?

*"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?"* (Hebrews 9:14)

*"Pray for us: for **we trust we have a good conscience**, in all things willing to live honestly."* (Hebrews 13:18)

What is clear in the Scriptures is that the Word of God does not take second place to our consciences. The Bible is the ultimate authority for all spiritual truth.

Therefore, if the Bible clearly states a truth, and somehow it does not sit right with our conscience, we need to have a Scriptural reason to go with our conscience.

The exceptions are very rare.