

2 SUBMISSION

We are to be subject to God's authority above all else because He is the one who has also created other authorities to be responsible for us and to rule over us. Each one presents us with an opportunity to honor our Lord by our submission. How are you doing in these aspects of your life?

In each printed passage from Scripture, highlight or underline the words or phrases that describe God's will for you in submitting to authority or in living it in a godly manner.

God

Christians

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Galatians 5:16-17

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things you please.

Ephesians 1:3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the ⁷Heavenly. ⁷Therefore we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which He prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Hebrews 12:5-11

⁵and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sc

MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD ,
NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;⁶ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE
DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.⁷ It is for discipline
that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there
whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline,
which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children
sons.⁹ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we
respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of
and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to
but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.¹¹
discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet
who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit
righteousness.

2 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will
away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and
earth and its works will be burned up.¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed
in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godly
¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which
heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense
heat!

Jesus

Christians

John 3:36

³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey
will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

Colossians 1:13-18

¹³For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to
kingdom of His beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of
sins.¹⁵ And He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of a new crea-
tion by Him all things were created, both the heavens and on earth, visible and
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All these
things have been created through Him and for Him.¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all
things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the
beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to
place in everything.

Galatians 2:19-20

¹⁹For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live ²⁰Or have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 3:1

¹Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;

Church Elders

Church

Attendees or Members

Galatians 6:6

⁶The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*.

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for ¹²the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ, that all ¹³attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

¹²But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

1 Timothy 5:17-20

¹⁷The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, *YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING*, and *The laborer is worthy of his wages*. ¹⁹Do not receive an accusation against an elder except

the basis of two or three witnesses²⁰ those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief; this would be unprofitable for you.

1 Peter 5:1-5

¹Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as ~~a~~ fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be ²shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according ~~to~~ *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness ³nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, proving to be examples to the flock. ⁴When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵Younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward another, for ~~God~~ *God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble*.

The Government

Citizens

Acts 5:27-29

²⁷When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

Romans 13:1-7

¹Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ²Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. ³Rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have peace? Do what is good and you will have praise from the ruler. ⁴For the ruler is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword for nothing; for he is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. ⁵Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for ~~they~~ *they are* servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷Render to all what is due them: tax to whom ~~tax~~ *tax*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Titus 3:1

¹Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to for every good deed,

1 Peter 2:13-17

¹³Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether as the one in authority, to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁴For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond-servants of God. ¹⁵Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Parents

Children Living At Home

Ephesians 4:29-32

²⁹Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only that which is good for edification according to the measure of wisdom, so that it will give grace to those who hear. ³⁰Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 6:1-4

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise) THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Philippians 2:3-4

³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let one another as more important than yourselves. ⁴Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Colossians 3:20-21

²⁰Children, be obedient to your parents in the Lord, as this is the right of the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will lose heart.

Husbands

Wives

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

³The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.⁵Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 11:3

³But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and He Himself is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself the Savior of the body. ²⁴But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be subject to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸So as husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself, ²⁹for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, ³⁰which is His body. ³¹FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. ³²This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. ³³Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and he must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

Colossians 3:18-19

¹⁸Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

1 Timothy 5:8

⁸But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Titus 2:4-5

⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵*to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

1 Peter 3:1-7

¹In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any ~~of them~~ are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives ²as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

³Your adornment must not be ~~merely~~ external. ~~Not~~ braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses ⁴but let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. ⁵For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands ⁶just as

Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children: you do what is right without being frightened by ~~any of your~~ ⁷husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Principles of Submission

What a husband's authority is not

What a husband's authority is

What a wife's submission looks like

Our society's view of the idea of submissive wives

God's view of a wife who does not submit

God's view of a wife who does

See Appendix 1: Hope From God's Word
See Appendix 2: Wife Study + Journal