SUBMISSION IS THE MISSION

Ephesians 5:21 – 6:9

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Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV) (21) Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- SUBMISSION IS THE MISSION = A Key To All Relationships: Christ & The Church, Husbands And Wives, Parents And Children, Slaves And Masters

- SUBMISSION Is Defined In The Dictionary As: A Yielding To The Power Or Authority Of Another
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(1) *TO Submit to God MEANS...*

To Yield to his authority and
To Yield to His will,
To commit your life to him and his control,
To be willing to follow him.

—Life Application Bible Notes

The word "submit" means to put yourself under God
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SUBMISSION Does Not Mean Slavery Or Servitude--But Simply The Recognition Of God’s Authority In Life

God Has Established And Delegated Authority: The Home / Government / Church. Since He Established Them, He Has The Right To Tell Us How Each Of These Institutions Should Be Run
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When There Is A Clear Conflict Regarding Obedience To Authority Christians Are To Obey God Not People

(Acts 5:29 NIV) Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!

OBEDIENCE WORKS LIKE THIS...
We Hear, We Understand, We Act In Accordance = Obedience

OBEDIENCE HAS SOME IMPORTANT LINKS:
Revelation; Relationship; Love; Faith.
GODLY SUBMISSION IS ALL ABOUT OBEDIENCE TO GOD

Absolute surrender is appropriate with respect to an Absolute Master. -- All of life is to be included under the lordship of Christ. He is to be Master of everything and every moment -- STANLEY HORTON

SUBMISSION IS THE MISSION IN ALL OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS

3 AREAS: HUSBANDS & WIVES; PARENTS & CHILDREN; SLAVES & MASTERS

EACH MUST YIELD UNTO THE OTHER IN SUBMISSION

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**EPH 5:22-27** (22) Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. (24) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. (25) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her (26) to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, (27) and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.
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**EPH 5:28-33**

(28) In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (29) After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- (30) for we are members of his body. (31) "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." (32) This is a profound mystery-- but I am talking about Christ and the church. (33) However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.
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GOD’S PLAN FOR MAN: MARRIAGE WOULD MEET:

Emotional Needs – Loneliness
Social Needs – Building A Home And Family God’s Way
Physical Needs – The Proper Way For Be Fulfilled Sexually
Spiritual Needs – A Place To Learn: Submission Is The Mission
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This Is An Issue Of Lordship & Leadership

- When Jesus Is Lord, We Can Do All He Calls And Leads Us To Do
- Husbands Must Love Fully To Bring Both “Whole-ness” And Holiness To Marriage

- This Kind Of Love Would Never Be Self Centered Or Domineering, But Giving
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In A Close And Intimate Relationship Like Marriage Our Actions Often Speak Louder Than Our Words. Words Can Easily Get Preachy, But Actions Demonstrate An Inner Reality.

Christ Gave Of Himself – In Marriage We Give Of Ourselves

It Starts In God’s Will & Stays In God’s Will Through

Grace    Mercy    Love

It Says ‘No’ To Self & ‘Yes’ To: Submission Is The Mission
Children and Parents
Ephesians 6:1-9 (NIV)

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—
3. "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." 
4. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Children Who Obey And Honor Their Parents Are Inline For A Promise -- Things Going Well And Enjoying Long Life
Christian Fathers (Eph. 6:4) Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Fathers Must Not Exasperate -- But Should Invest Themselves In Instruction Of The Lord For Their Children.

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SLAVES AND MASTERS

Eph 6:5-9  (5) Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. (6) Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. (7) Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, (8) because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (9) And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.
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SLAVES/ WORKERS: OBEY, RESPECT, FEAR W/SINCERE HEARTS

- Obey As You Obey Christ
- Obey To Win Favor
- Obey As Slaves Of Christ From Your Heart
- Serve The Lord, Not People
Christian Masters -- EMPLOYERS (Eph. 6:9) And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Masters/ Employers Must Treat Slaves / Workers The Same Way As Slaves Are To Treat Them -- In Order To Serve The Lord

V. 8 There Is A Reward For Being Good To Slaves & Workers
• Respect Them
• Be Sincere
• Put It In Eternal Perspective

Do Not Threaten Them – You Will Face The Lord One Day
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When We Patiently Suffer Injustice Or Yield To One Another What Are We Doing?

WE ARE FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

- He Is Our Supreme Example
- He Suffered Great Injustice In Order To Obtain Our Salvation
- He Yielded All Of His Rights Thru Love – In Order To Save Us
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Choosing Submission Is an Act of Strength:

▪ To Live Under Your God-Given Authorities

▪ To Respect The Position Rather Than The Personality

▪ To Submit To Others Out Of Reverence For Christ

▪ To Put Your Future In The Hands Of God