

Submission

Honoring God by Actually Acknowledging the Authority that He Put in Place

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Introduction and Explanation

Submission is an issue of salvation. This Bible study is basically a list of the main Bible passages that show this. Please urgently consider this challenging call to extreme submission so that we may all repent and honor God in this way.

Submission Examples

Ruth's Example

Rth 1:16 CAB And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following you; for wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people *shall be* my people, and your God my God.

Rth 3:5-6 CAB And Ruth said to her, All that you say, I will do. **6** And she went down to the threshing floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her.

Mary's Example

Luk 1:38 CAB Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! May it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Samuel And Saul

1Sa 15:22-23 KJ2000 And Samuel said, has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.

[Read all of First Samuel Chapter 15 to get this whole story]

Jude's Warning

Jud 1:7-8 WEB Even as Sodom and Gomorrah...are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of **eternal fire**. 8 Yet in like manner these also in their dreaming defile the flesh, **despise authority**, and slander celestial beings.

Which is also said in Peter,

2Pe 2:10 CAB ...those who walk after [ὀπίσω] the flesh... despise authority [κυριότητος καταφρονοῦντας]...

Submission Commands

Unsubmission Means Hell

1Ti 1:8-11 KJB But we know that the law *is* good, if one uses it lawfully; 9 Knowing this: that the law is not laid down for a righteous person but for the lawless and **unsubmitted**,^{G506} for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane...

[G506: "unsubmitted" or disobedient]

Submit to Government

Rom 13:1-7 WEB Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those who exist are ordained by God. 2 Therefore he who resists the authority, withstands the ordinance of God; and those who withstand will receive to themselves judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. Do you desire to have no fear of the authority? Do that which is good, and you will have praise from the same, 4 for he is a servant of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid, for he doesn't bear the sword in vain; for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him who does evil. 5 Therefore you need to be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are ministers of God's service, attending continually on this very thing. 7 Give therefore to everyone what you owe: taxes to whom taxes are due; customs to whom customs; respect to whom respect; honor to whom honor.

Submit to Authority, Including Masters

1Pe 2:13-14 WEB Therefore subject yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme; 14 or to governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to those who do well... 17 Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. 18 Servants, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good

and gentle, but also to the wicked. 19 For it is commendable if someone endures pain, suffering unjustly, because of conscience toward God. 20 For what glory is it if, when you sin, you patiently endure beating? But if, when you do well, you patiently endure suffering, this is commendable with God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps,

Family, Servants, and the Motivation for Submission

Col 3:18-25 WEB Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and don't be bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, don't provoke your children, so that they won't be discouraged. 22 Servants, obey in all things those who are your masters according to the flesh, not just when they are looking, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does wrong will receive again for the wrong that he has done, and there is no partiality.

Women/Wives Submit to Men/Husbands:

Num 30; Eph 5:22-24; Gen 3:16; Est 1:16-18, Est 1:20; 1Co 14:34; Col 3:18-19; 1Ti 2:11, 1Ti 2:12; Tit 2:5; 1Pe 3:1-6

See: www.trueconnection.org/BibleStudies/Family_Commands.html

Submit to Parents

Exo 20:12; Exo 21:15, Exo 21:17; Lev 19:3, 1Ki 2:19; Pro 1:8, Pro 1:9, Pro 15:5, Pro 20:20; Pro 23:22-25, Pro 28:24, Pro 30:11, Pro 30:17; Mal 1:6; Mat 15:4-6; Luk 18:20; Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20

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See: http://www.trueconnection.org/BibleStudies/Family_Commands.html#Children

What Does Submission Look Like for (Male) Children?

Gal 4:1-3 WEB But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a bondservant, though he is lord of all; 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed by the father. 3 So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the elements of the world.

See:

www.trueconnection.org/BibleStudies/Family_Commands.html#ComingofAge

Submit to Church Leadership:

Deu 17:12; Tit 3:1

Be Subject to one Another:

Eph 5:21

When to Disobey

Act 4:17-21 WEB But so that this spreads no further among the people, let's threaten them, that from now on they don't speak to anyone in this name." 18 They called them, and charged them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, judge for yourselves, 20 for we can't help telling the things which we saw and heard." 21 When they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people; for everyone glorified God for that which was done.

Act 5:27-29 WEB When they had brought them, they set them before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "Didn't we strictly charge you not to teach in this name? Behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

(Also consider Abigail's actions in the story of David, Nabal, and Abigail in 1Sa 25).

Rom 12:18 WEB If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men.

And we might say, "as much as it is up to you, submit as much as possible," but when any man tells you to disobey God, then obey God rather than man.

Submission Applications

Keep Going Further! Obey ALL the Bible!

- If you still need help understanding how all of this applies to family, please see our "[Family Commands](#)" Bible study.
- If you are ready to get extreme and take submission to the next level (that is, where you are obeying even the most unpopular Bible verses) then you may want to take a look at our "[Biblical Bowing](#)" Bible study.

It is time to obey ALL the Bible, weather by life or by death. If we submit like the Bible says, then we will have truth from His hand and become inheritors of Jesus' Kingdom. If you happen to be ambitious to do this in truth, then [we would love to hear from you!](#)



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