

1  **SUBMIT TO GOD**

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- <sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

3  **I THE PLAN FOR SUBMITTING**

- The Meaning: Originally a military term
- The Message
  - Every person must be subject to authority.
  - EXAMPLE: CNN REPORT
  - Every person must submit to God: James 4:7
  - We submit to His Word

4  **We submit to His Word**

- John 6:60, 66 <sup>60</sup> Therefore, many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying, who can understand it?" <sup>66</sup> From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

5  **We submit to His commands:**

- John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."
- Remember! Submit to God is a command!

6  **We submit to His disciplines.**

- Hebrews 12:5-6 "My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reproved or corrected by Him; for the Lord corrects and disciplines every one whom He loves and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes." (Amp)

7  **EXAMPLE OF JOB**

- JOB'S RESPONSE:
  - Job 1:21 And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."
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8  **Job 2:9-10 & 23:10**

- Job 2:9-10 <sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.
- Job 23:10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as

gold.

9  **We submit to His design**

- Romans 9:20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? "Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

10  **The Model: Jesus is the perfect example**

- John 1:1 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God';
- John 10:30 'I and My Father are one';
- John 14:11 "Believe Me, that I am in the Father and the Father in Me. . . .".
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11  **Subject to the Father**

- Did the Father's work;
  - Luke 2:49
- Submitted Himself to the Father's will;
  - John 5:30
- Could do nothing apart from the Father;
  - John 5:19
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12  **Subject to earthly parents**

- Luke 2:51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.
- QUESTION: Since Jesus was subject to the Father, does it mean He was inferior to the Father?

13  **The Mutiny**

- Unpopular teaching in 20th century....age of unparalleled rebellion
- Spirit of the age: arrogance, assertion, self-seeking
- Today's slogan: Not "submit yourself," but "assert yourself"
- Aim: Destroy the system, the old order
- Examples:

14  **II. THE PRACTICE OF SUBMISSION**

- Submit to God: Ephesians 5:18 "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."
  - Be filled = under control of
- Misunderstanding today over meaning of be filled with the Holy Spirit:
  - Ecstatic speech
  - Other signs

15  **Ephesians 5:19-21**

- <sup>19</sup>"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another in the fear of

God.”

16  **True evidences of being filled with the Spirit**

- v. 19 - Singing all kinds of songs to give praise and honor to God.
- v. 20 - Giving thanks to God
- v. 21 - Submitting to one another
- Verses 18-21 is all one sentence in the Greek
- Ephesians 5:18 is the only verse in the entire Bible that gives us the specific command to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

17  **Submit to One Another**

- To the government: Romans 13:1,4 <sup>1</sup>“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. <sup>4</sup> For he is God’s minister to you for good. . . .”
- In church matters: Hebrews 13:17 “Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls.”

18  **Submit to One Another**

- In business matters: Ephesians 6:5 “Servants, be obedient to those who are your masters,”
- Children & parents: Ephesians 6:1 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right,”
- Husbands & wives: Ephesians 5:22-24 “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord,”

19  **QUESTION?**

- Is the wife inferior to the husband because she submits to him as head? - No!!!
- GALATIANS 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ.”